

stop yourself: *Her problem is her compulsive eating.* | *Compulsive behaviour is often a symptom of deeper psychological problems.* | **a compulsive liar/eater/gambler etc** (=someone who is unable to stop lying, eating etc) *He's a compulsive liar – you can't believe a word he says.*

## to stop moving

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **move/not move**

## 10 to stop walking, running etc

- ▶ stop
- ▶ come to a halt
- ▶ stop dead/stop dead in your tracks
- ▶ freeze

**stop** /stɒp||sta:p/ [v l] *I was exhausted, and had to stop and rest.* | *Stop! Wait a minute!* | *I saw Maria and stopped to say hello.* | *We stopped at the next village to get supplies.*

**come to a halt** /,kʌm tu ə 'hɔ:lt/ [v phrase] to slow down and stop: *The group of tourists came to a halt outside the museum.* | *He walked back across the restaurant and came to a halt beside our table.*

**stop dead/stop dead in your tracks** /,stɒp 'ded, stɒp 'ded in jɔ:r 'træks||,sta:p-/ [v phrase] to suddenly stop, especially because something has surprised or frightened you or you suddenly notice it: *Katie stopped dead and stared at him.* | *Francesca stopped dead in her tracks. 'What did you just say?' she demanded.*

**freeze** /fri:z/ [v l] to stop moving very suddenly and stay completely still and quiet: *I froze, and listened.* | *Someone was in my apartment.* | *Captain O'Leary raised his gun and shouted 'Freeze!'*

## 11 when a vehicle stops moving

- ▶ stop
- ▶ pull up
- ▶ pull in
- ▶ pull over
- ▶ come to a stop/come to a halt
- ▶ come to a standstill/grind to a halt
- ▶ brake
- ▶ slam on the brakes

**stop** /stɒp||sta:p/ [v l] if a vehicle or its driver stops, the vehicle stops moving: *Could you stop just here on the left?* | *We'd better stop at the next gas station.* | *A yellow car stopped outside the house.*

**pull up** /,pʊl 'ʌp/ [phr v l] if a car or its driver pulls up, the car comes closer to something or someone and stops + **at/outside/next to etc** *We pulled up at a small cafe just outside Bordeaux.* | *A blue van pulled up behind us.*

**pull in** /,pʊl 'ɪn/ [phr v l] if a car or its driver pulls in, the driver stops the car at the side of the road or in a parking space: *I rounded the corner, looking for a place to pull in.* | *Jeff parked in front of the house and I pulled in beside him.*

**pull over** /,pʊl 'əʊvər/ [phr v l] if a car or its driver pulls over, the driver drives to the side of the road and stops: *A policeman was standing by the side of the road, signalling to me to pull over.* | *I pulled over and looked at the map.* | *The truck pulled over and a man got out.*

**come to a stop/come to a halt** /,kʌm tu ə 'stɒp||- 'sta:p, ,kʌm tu ə 'hɔ:lt/ [v phrase] especially written to gradually get slower and then stop: *The taxi came to a stop outside the hotel.* | *The bus slowed down and*

*came to a halt at some traffic lights.* | **come to a sudden/abrupt halt/stop** *As Jamie spoke, the train came to an abrupt halt, nearly throwing us all on the floor.*

**come to a standstill/grind to a halt** /,kʌm tu ə 'stændstɪl, ,graɪnd tu ə 'hɔ:lt/ [v phrase] especially written to gradually get slower and then stop completely – use this about traffic or about a vehicle: *The train came to a standstill about a mile outside Abbeville and didn't move for 20 minutes.* | *Traffic in the city ground to a halt as the streets filled with angry demonstrators.*

**brake** /breɪk/ [v l] if a vehicle or its driver brakes, the driver makes it slow down or stop by using the brakes: *I saw a roadblock ahead, and braked.* | **brake hard/sharply** *A bus came round the corner and braked sharply.*

**slam on the brakes** /,slæm ɒn ðə 'breɪks/ [v phrase] to make a car, bus etc stop very suddenly by pressing very hard on the brakes: *I slammed on the brakes, skidding to a stop.*

## 12 when a bus, train etc regularly stops at particular places

- ▶ stop
- ▶ call at

**stop** /stɒp||sta:p/ [v l] if a train or bus stops at a place, it regularly stops there to let people on and off: *Does this train stop at Lyon?* | *The bus stops at the top of the hill.* — **stop** [n C] a place where a bus or train stops: *Excuse me, could you tell me what the next stop is?* | *We need to get off at the next stop.*

**call at** /'kɔ:l æt/ [phr v T] British if a train or bus calls at a particular place, it stops there as part of its regular journey to let people on and off: *This is the 14:30 to Bristol, calling at Reading and Bath.* | *Does this train call at York?*

## 13 to make someone stop moving

- ▶ stop
- ▶ restrain
- ▶ hold back
- ▶ stop sb dead/stop sb dead in their tracks
- ▶ flag down
- ▶ pull over
- ▶ intercept

**stop** /stɒp||sta:p/ [v T] *The police are stopping drivers to ask questions about the accident.* | *The truck was stopped by customs officers for a routine check.* | *A man stopped me in the street and asked if I knew where the theatre was.*

**restrain** /rɪ'streɪn/ [v T] to hold someone so that they cannot move forward or attack someone: *It took three men to restrain him.* | *Mary got up to go after them, but I put out my arm to restrain her.*

**hold back** /,həʊld 'bæk/ [phr v T] to prevent someone from moving forward or into a place: *They put up huge barriers to hold back the crowd.* | *My father held me back, otherwise I would have rushed up onto the stage.*

**stop sb dead/stop sb (dead) in their tracks** /,stɒp (sb) 'ded, ,stɒp (sb) (,ded) in ðeər 'træks||,sta:p-/ [v phrase] to surprise or frighten you, so that you stop suddenly: *Seeing the policeman there stopped me dead. I didn't know what to do.* | *Jim was stopped in his tracks by the sound of a rifle behind him.*

**flag down** /flæg 'daʊn/ [phr v T] to stop a car that is coming towards you by waving your arms **flag down sth** *I managed to flag down a passing car and ask for help.* | **flag sth/sb down** *The patrolman stepped out in front of the truck to flag it down.*



**pull over** /ˌpʊl 'əʊvə/ [phr v T] if someone, especially a police officer **pulls you over**, they make you stop driving and park at the side of the road: *The police pulled me over and checked my licence.* | *He got pulled over on the way home and had to take a breath test.*

**intercept** /ˌɪntə'sept/ [v T] to stop something such as a boat or plane, before it has finished its journey or achieved its purpose: *Two British ships were sent to intercept the convoy.* | *All three fighter planes were intercepted and destroyed.*

## to stop happening

### RELATED WORDS

- opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **start**
- ▶ the end of a period, time, event, or story *see* **end**
  - ▶ to stop happening before starting again *see* **pause**
  - ▶ to stop burning *see* **burn**
  - ▶ *see also* **finish**

## 14 to stop happening

- ▶ **stop**
- ▶ **cease**
- ▶ **come to an end**

**stop** /stɒpˈstɑ:p/ [v I] *It seemed the fighting would never stop.* | *Catherine stood watching the rain, hoping it would stop soon.* | *Suddenly, the cheering stopped and there was a deathly silence.* | *This waste of the earth's resources must stop.*

**come to an end** /ˌkʌm tu ən 'end/ [v phrase] if something that has been happening for a long time **comes to an end**, it stops happening: *When we had children, all our trips to theatres and cinemas came to an end.* | *Research at the college came to an end in 1870.* | *All good things must come to an end.*

**cease** /si:s/ [v I] formal to stop happening: *Hostilities between the two countries have now ceased.* | *Presently, the rain ceased and the sun came out.* | **cease altogether** (=stop completely) *The sound of gunfire gradually receded and then ceased altogether.*

## 15 to gradually stop happening

- ▶ **fizzle out**
- ▶ **peter out**
- ▶ **wear off**
- ▶ **fade away**

**fizzle out** /ˌfɪzəl 'aʊt/ [phr v I] informal to gradually end in a disappointing way – use this about an activity, a relationship, or people's interest in something: *Their romance fizzled out after a few months.* | *The movie made a great start, but the action seemed to fizzle out halfway through.*

**peter out** /ˌpi:tər 'aʊt/ [phr v I] to gradually become less and less and then stop happening completely: *By midday the rain had petered out.* | *The road petered out into a muddy track.* | *The protest campaign petered out after a few weeks.*

**wear off** /ˌweər 'ɒf/ [phr v I] if pain or the effect of something **wears off**, it gradually becomes less until it stops completely: *The effects of the anaesthetic will wear off within a few hours.* | *The shock has not worn off yet and he seems to be walking around in a daze.* | **the novelty wears off** (=when you stop feeling interested or excited about something because it is no longer new) *The kids spent hours on the computer at first, but the novelty soon wore off.*

**fade away** /ˌfeɪd ə'weɪ/ [phr v I] if a sound **fades away**, it gradually gets quieter and finally stops: *He waited until the sound of the engines had faded away.* | *As the music faded away the audience broke into enthusiastic applause.*

## to stop sth that is happening

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ to make something stop burning *see* **burn**

## 16 to make something stop happening or continuing

- ▶ **stop**
- ▶ **put an end to**
- ▶ **bring to an end**
- ▶ **halt**
- ▶ **call off**
- ▶ **cut short**
- ▶ **abort**
- ▶ **suspend**
- ▶ **pull the plug on**
- ▶ **freeze**

**stop** /stɒpˈstɑ:p/ [v T] to make someone **stop** doing something, or make something **stop** happening: *The referee stopped the fight when one of the boxers was badly injured.* | *It is now time to stop the war and begin negotiations for peace.* | *Officials are planning to take court action to stop publication of the book.* | **stop sb doing sth** *I gave my little brother some chocolate to stop him crying.*

**put an end to** /ˌpʊt ən 'end tu:/ [v phrase] to stop something, especially so that it never starts again: *An injury like this could put an end to her dancing career.* | *The outbreak of war put an end to their romance.*

**bring to an end** /ˌbrɪŋ tu ən 'end/ [v phrase] to finally and permanently end something that has continued for a long time **bring sth to an end** *A treaty was signed which finally brought the conflict to an end.* | **bring to an end sth** *There are calls for the Prime Minister to bring to an end the uncertainty about the election date.*

**halt** /hɔ:lt/ [v T] to make something stop changing, developing, or progressing: *The government is determined to halt the trade in illegal animal furs.* | *All his efforts had failed to halt the increase in street crime.*

**call off** /ˌkɔ:l 'ɒf/ [phr v T] to decide that a planned action or activity should be stopped after it has already started: *The union decided to call off the strike when they were offered a 10% pay rise.* | *The meeting was called off at the last minute.* | *The hunt for the missing boy had to be called off because of severe weather conditions.*

**cut short** /ˌkʌt 'ʃɔ:rt/ [phr v T] to stop an activity earlier than was planned, especially because of something unexpected such as illness or bad news: *She was forced to cut short her holiday and return to the UK.* | *His education was cut short when his father died of a sudden illness.*

**abort** /ə'bɔ:rt/ [v T] to stop an action that has been started, because it would be too dangerous to continue: *The mission was aborted after news came of the capture of the city.* | *The plane had already started its descent when the pilot received orders to abort his landing.*

**suspend** /sə'spend/ [v T] to officially order that something should be stopped, when you intend to let it start again at a later time: *We have decided to suspend all production at the factory until safety checks can be carried out.* | *All pay increases are to be*



*suspended until further notice.* | *The trial was suspended after threats were made against witnesses.* — **suspension** /sə'spenʃən/ [n U] + **of** *The President has announced the suspension of all military action in the region.*

**pull the plug on** /ˌpʊl ðə 'plʌɡ ɒn/ [v phrase] informal to stop giving money to a plan or planned business activity so that it cannot continue: *The city council has pulled the plug on the new housing development.* | *Over 1000 workers lost their jobs when the company pulled the plug on plans to open ten new stores.*

**freeze** /friːz/ [v T] to keep prices or wages at the same level and not increase them: *The company has announced that it intends to freeze all salaries for a year.* | *All government employees have had their salaries frozen at last year's levels.* — **freeze** [n C usually singular] *The prime minister has announced a freeze on income tax for two years.*

## 17 to stop something quickly before it has time to develop

- ▶ nip sth in the bud
- ▶ kill
- ▶ squash

**nip sth in the bud** /ˌnɪp (sth) ɪn ðə 'bʌd/ [v phrase] to stop a bad situation or bad behaviour when it first starts, before it can develop further: *If I'd known about their plan I could have nipped it in the bud there and then.* | *It's important to nip this problem in the bud.*

**squash** /skwɒʃ||skwɑːʃ, skwɔːʃ/ [v T] to quickly stop something such as opposition to your plans that is likely to cause you trouble: *Her lawyers acted quickly to squash any of her husband's claims on her property.* | **squash a rumour** *The chairman acted quickly to squash rumours of a takeover bid.*

**kill** /kɪl/ [v T] to stop something quickly and completely: *Losing funding now would kill the project.* | *Mr Howard released a statement in an effort to kill speculation in the press.*

## 18 to stop normal work or services from continuing

- ▶ paralyse
- ▶ bring sth to a standstill

**paralyse** British ALSO **paralyze** American /'pærəlaɪz/ [v T] to make it impossible for an industry, system, service etc to continue working normally: *Strike action has paralysed the region's public transport system.* | *Over Illinois, the storm broke, paralyzing the state with blizzards and freezing temperatures.*

**bring sth to a standstill** /ˌbrɪŋ (sth) tu ə 'stændstɪl/ [v phrase] to make it impossible for an industry, system, service etc to continue working normally: *Unexpected bad weather has brought London to a standstill.* | *Further interest rate rises may bring the manufacturing industry to a standstill.* | *Rail services have been brought to a standstill by severe flooding in many areas.* | **bring sth to a virtual standstill** *Traffic was brought to a virtual standstill as protestors drove in convoy along the motorways.*

## 19 to end the use of a system, service, or organization

- ▶ phase out
- ▶ discontinue

**phase out** /ˌfeɪz 'aʊt/ [phr v T] to gradually end the use of a system, product, or service **phase out sth** *Ministers agreed to phase out the old voting system within two years.* | *Older prisons will be phased out over the next few years.* | **phase sth out** *The committee acknowledged that these chemicals are highly dangerous, and agreed to phase them out gradually.*

**discontinue** /ˌdɪskən'tɪnjuː/ [v T] to stop providing something that has been available or provided regularly over a period of time: *Doctors decided to discontinue the treatment when it became clear that the boy had no chance of recovering.* | *If fewer than ten students sign up, the course will be discontinued.*

## 20 to stop something bad or illegal that people are doing

- ▶ stop
- ▶ put a stop to
- ▶ stamp out
- ▶ crack down on
- ▶ call a halt to
- ▶ clamp down on
- ▶ curb

**stop** /stɒp||stɑːp/ [v T] *We must take action to stop this illegal trade in ivory.* | *All the staff are determined to stop bullying in the school.* | **stop sb from doing sth** *The new measures are intended to stop troublemakers from travelling abroad to football matches.*

**put a stop to** /ˌpʊt ə 'stɒp tuː||-'stɑːp-/ [v phrase] to stop an activity, especially one that you consider to be harmful or unacceptable: *Using children in this way is pure exploitation, and it's time we put a stop to it!* | *She knew that if she didn't put a stop to their squabbling now, it could go on for weeks.*

**stamp out** /ˌstæmp 'aʊt/ [phr v T] to completely stop an illegal or harmful activity: *The police have introduced new measures to help stamp out violence on the city's streets.* | *We are determined to stamp out prostitution in this neighborhood.*

**crack down on** /ˌkræk 'daʊn ɒn/ [phr v T] to take severe action to stop an illegal activity: *The authorities are determined to crack down on terrorism.* | *Teachers must crack down on bullying as soon as they become aware of it.* | *Only by cracking down on dealers, can we stop young people getting involved with drugs.* — **crack-down** /'kræk daʊn/ [n C] + **on** *Davies was eventually caught during a government crack-down on tax evasion.*

**call a halt to** /ˌkɔːl ə 'hɔːlt tuː/ [v phrase] to officially order that an activity should be stopped, especially after it has continued for a long time: *The government has called a halt to the exporting of live animals.* | *Companies must call a halt to the dumping of toxic waste at sea.*

**clamp down on** /ˌklæmp 'daʊn ɒn/ [phr v T] if someone in authority **clamps down on** an activity or group of people, they take firm action to stop something that is illegal or against the rules: *The new, tougher laws are intended clamp down on the carrying of knives and other weapons.* | *If we don't clamp down on these troublemakers now, the situation could get out of control.* — **clampdown** /'klæmpdaʊn/ [n C usually singular] + **on** *Police say the clampdown on drink-driving has been highly successful.* | *The new administration has promised a clampdown on corruption.*

**curb** /kɜːb/ [v T] to prevent something harmful from increasing and start to control and reduce it: *The only way to curb the spread of the disease is by immunizing the entire population.* | *The government is introducing new measures aimed at curbing inflation.*



## 21 to stop opposition to a government

- ▶ suppress
- ▶ put down
- ▶ break up
- ▶ subdue
- ▶ crush
- ▶ quell

**suppress** /sə'pres/ [v T] to stop people opposing or fighting against the government, by using military force or by making their activities illegal: *The army acted swiftly to suppress the uprising.* | *Any opposition to the regime is ruthlessly suppressed.* | *The authorities suppressed publication of the journal.*

**put down** /,put 'daʊn/ [phr v T usually in passive] **put down a revolt/rebellion/uprising etc** to stop it by using military force against the people involved: *The uprising was quickly put down.* | *The rebellion was put down and its leaders were executed.*

**break up** /,breɪk 'ʌp/ [phr v T] if the police or army **break up** something such as an organized protest, they use force to stop it **break up sth** *The police were instructed to break up the demonstration and arrest the ringleaders.* | **break sth up** *The protest continued peacefully until government troops moved in to break it up.*

**subdue** /səb'djuː- 'duː/ [v T] to take action to stop people behaving in a violent, angry way, especially by using force: *The soldiers managed to subdue the angry crowd.* | *The army has been used to subdue unrest in the country's capital.*

**crush** /krʌʃ/ [v T] to use severe methods to stop people who are fighting or opposing you: *The rebellion was quickly crushed by forces loyal to the President.* | *The army is stationed near the capital, ready to crush any signs of a revolt.*

**quell** /kwel/ [v T] especially written to make violent opposition stop by using force when it first starts, before it becomes impossible to control: *Extra police were called in to quell the disturbance.* | *An anti-government riot was promptly quelled by soldiers using guns and teargas.*

## 22 to end a relationship

- ▶ end
- ▶ break off
- ▶ sever

▶ see also **leave (27-28)**

**end** /end/ [v T] *The affair ended after it was made public by the newspapers.* | *Our relationship just isn't working. I've decided to end it.* — **end** [n singular] *We had a huge row, which marked the end of our friendship.*

**break off** /,breɪk 'ɒf/ [phr v T] to end a relationship or connection with someone, especially an official one: *The Senator has been urged to break off all links with arms companies.* | *In the wake of the bombing, the UK is threatening to break off diplomatic relations.* | *His girlfriend has just told him that she wants to break off their engagement.*

**sever** /'sevə/ [v T] formal **sever ties/links/relations etc** to completely end your relationship or connection with someone or something: *Since the job required that he be politically neutral, he had to sever his links with the Socialist Party.* | *Britain immediately severed relations with the three countries involved.*

## 23 a process that cannot be stopped

- ▶ unstoppable
- ▶ remorseless
- ▶ inexorable
- ▶ irreversible

**unstoppable** /ʌn'stɒpəbəl- 'stɑ:p-/ [adj] a process or action that is **unstoppable** cannot be stopped: *Political change is now unstoppable, and the regime will eventually collapse.* | *The war could unleash unstoppable political and economic changes.* | *Her rise to fame seems to be unstoppable.*

**remorseless** /rɪ'mɔːsləs/ [adj] a process that is **remorseless** continues in an unpleasant and threatening way and it seems to be impossible to stop: *The remorseless spread of the virus has led to the deaths of thousands.* | *the remorseless advance of the invading army* — **remorselessly** [adv] *The destruction of the rainforests has gone on remorselessly for the past 30 years.*

**inexorable** /ɪn'eksərəbəl/ [adj] formal use this about a gradual process that cannot be stopped, especially one which leads to something very bad happening: *His jealousy sets him on an inexorable course towards murder.* | *the inexorable decline in Britain's manufacturing industry* — **inexorably** [adv] *The story moves inexorably towards its tragic climax.*

**irreversible** /,ɪrɪ'vɜːsəbəl/ [adj] a process of change that is **irreversible** cannot be stopped, and the situation that existed before cannot return: *New technology has brought about irreversible changes in society.* | *Despite claims made by skin-care manufacturers, the effects of ageing are irreversible.*

## to prevent something from happening

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: **allow**  
▶ see also **forbid, control**

## 24 to prevent someone from doing what they want to do

- ▶ prevent
- ▶ stop
- ▶ keep sb from doing sth
- ▶ restrain
- ▶ hold back
- ▶ get in the way of
- ▶ discourage

**prevent** /prɪ'vent/ [v T] to make it impossible for someone to do something that they want to do **prevent sb from doing sth** *A leg injury may prevent Shearer from playing in tomorrow's game.* | *There were reports that some people had been prevented from voting in the election.*

**stop** /stɒp- 'stɑ:p/ [v T] to **stop** someone from doing something that they want to do, especially by controlling them in an unreasonable way: *I've made up my mind to leave home, and you can't stop me.* | **stop sb (from) doing sth** *My parents tried to stop me seeing Anne.* | *The government has taken legal action to stop the BBC from broadcasting a documentary about the Secret Service.*

**keep sb from doing sth** /,ki:p (sb) frəm 'duːɪŋ (sth)/ [phr v T] to prevent someone from doing something, especially something that might be harmful or upsetting: *Staying busy kept her from thinking about her illness.* | *It was all I could do to keep myself from hitting him.*



**restrain** /rɪ'streɪn/ [v T] to prevent someone from doing something harmful or stupid, either by physically stopping them or by persuading them not to do it: *Roger stepped forward and Martin put out his arm to restrain him.* | **restrain yourself** *She wanted to ask him all about his private life, but wisely restrained herself.* | **restrain sb from doing sth** *His arm was hurting him and he had to be restrained from doing too much.*

**hold back** /həʊld 'bæk/ [phr v T] to prevent someone or something from moving forward or making progress **hold back sb/sth** *The police had already erected crash barriers to hold back the advancing crowds.* | *The poor economic situation has held back investment in new technology.* | **hold sb/sth back** *Bill leapt to his feet to go after the girl, but the others held him back.* | *She always felt that being a woman had held her back in her career.*

**get in the way of** /get ɪn ðə 'weɪ ɒv/ [v phrase] to make someone too busy to do something else, especially something they should do: *Don't let your social life get in the way of your education.*

**discourage** /dɪs'kʌrɪdʒ/-'kɜːr-/ [v T] to make it less likely that someone will do something, for example by showing them that it may have a bad or unwelcome result: *Higher taxes are likely to discourage investment.* | *It is a well known fact that a negative working environment discourages creativity.* | **discourage sb from doing sth** *Higher cigarette prices do not seem to discourage people from smoking.*

## 25 to make sure that something does not happen

- ▶ **prevent/stop**
- ▶ **avoid**
- ▶ **avert**
- ▶ **head off**
- ▶ **guard against**

**prevent/stop** /prɪ'vent, stɒp|stɑːp/ [v T] to make sure that something will not happen or cannot happen, especially something bad. **Prevent** is more formal than **stop**: *Many people now believe that a good diet can help to prevent cancer.* | *The new laws are designed to stop discrimination in the workplace.* | **prevent/stop sth (from) happening** *A special valve prevents the waste gases from escaping.* | *Stretch the rope out to stop it getting twisted and tangled up.* — **prevention** /prɪ'venʃən/ [n U] *How does a healthy diet help in the prevention of heart attacks?* | **crime prevention** *The police are very happy to talk to local groups about crime prevention.*

**avoid** /ə'vɔɪd/ [v T] to do something to prevent something bad that may happen: *The company is anxious to avoid an expensive court case.* | *We take every precaution to avoid accidents.* | **avoid sth at all costs** (=do everything possible to avoid something happening) *Civilian casualties must be avoided at all costs.*

**avert** /ə'vɜːrt/ [v T] formal to do something to prevent something bad that will happen very soon if you do not do anything: *It may already be too late to avert another disaster.* | *Talks will be held today in a final attempt to avert strike action.*

**head off** /hed 'ɒf/ [phr v T] to do something to stop a difficult or unpleasant situation from developing, when it seems very likely to happen soon: *They agreed to meet government ministers in an attempt to head off a major conflict.* | *We managed to head off a financial crisis last year, but we may not be so lucky this year.*

**guard against** /'ɡɑːrd ə'ɡenst/ [phr v T] to carefully plan and think about what you can do in order to

prevent something bad from happening: *The city council is taking emergency measures to guard against flooding in the city centre.* | *Use sunscreen on your skin to help guard against skin cancer.*

## 26 to prevent a plan or action from succeeding

- ▶ **block**
- ▶ **obstruct**
- ▶ **thwart**
- ▶ **foil**

**block** /blɒk|blɔːk/ [v T] to use something such as a law or an official order to prevent someone from doing something that they have been planning to do: *Britain has threatened to block new EU legislation on human rights.* | *The deal was blocked by the chairman, who was unwilling to commit so much company money to a risky investment.*

**obstruct** /əb'strʌkt/ [v T] to try to prevent someone from doing something by deliberately making it much more difficult for them: *The House of Lords has been accused of obstructing change and preventing scientific progress.* | *It is an offence to obstruct the police during the course of their duty.* — **obstruction** /əb'strʌkʃən/ [n C/U] *The counting of votes was delayed in some areas because of obstruction by local officials.* | **+ of** *He was arrested and charged with the obstruction of a police officer.*

**thwart** /θwɔːrt/ [v T] formal to prevent someone from doing something, especially something that they very much want to do because it is personally important to them: *Harry knew now that nothing could thwart his plans.* | *An attempt to smuggle heroin worth £30 million into the country has been thwarted by customs officials.*

**foil** /fɔɪl/ [v T] to prevent something bad or criminal that someone is planning to do, by being more clever than they are: *The government has foiled an attempted military coup.* | *The burglar was foiled by a passer-by who noticed the broken window and phoned the police.*

## 27 to stop people from expressing their opinions

- ▶ **silence**
- ▶ **muzzle**
- ▶ **gag**

**silence** /'saɪləns/ [v T] to prevent someone from expressing their opinions or telling people something that you want kept secret: *The Mafia uses threats of physical violence or death to silence any opposition.* | *Opponents of the regime are quickly silenced.*

**muzzle** /'mʌzəl/ [v T] to prevent someone such as a politician or news reporter from publicly expressing their opinions, information, or ideas: *Democracy activists have been effectively muzzled by these tough new laws.* | **muzzle the press/media** *Attempts to muzzle the country's media have failed.*

**gag** /gæg/ [v T] to use your authority unfairly to prevent someone from telling people something or expressing their opinions – used especially in newspapers: *The government has once again used concerns about 'National Security' as an excuse to gag the press.* | *The prime minister has been accused of attempting to gag members of his government who do not agree with his policies.*



## 28 to stop yourself from having or showing a feeling

- ▶ hold back
- ▶ stifle
- ▶ suppress
- ▶ overcome/conquer

**hold back** /ˌhəʊld 'bæk/ [phr v T] to try hard to stop yourself laughing, crying, or showing anger **hold back sth** Jack held back his tears and pretended not to be disappointed. | Sarah held back a sob of relief. | **hold sth back** I wanted to laugh, but I managed to hold it back. | She struggled to hold her feelings back.

**stifle** /'staɪfəl/ [v T] **stifle a yawn/a smile/laughter etc** to try to stop yourself showing that you are tired, amused etc especially because you do not want to seem rude: She stifled a yawn as the boss read out the sales figures. | Maria looked away and stifled a giggle.

**suppress** /sə'pres/ [v T] written to make a strong effort to stop yourself from showing feelings of anger, sadness etc: I suppressed an urge to laugh. | He looked at me, waiting with suppressed anger. | It's not good to suppress your feelings.

**overcome/conquer** /ˌəʊvər'kʌm, 'kɒŋkər'kɑːŋ-/ [v T] to manage to stop feeling something that affects you very strongly, for example fear, pain etc: She managed to overcome her shyness, and stepped forward to introduce herself. | Hilton stepped into the room, fighting to conquer his feelings of disgust.

## 29 a problem that prevents you from achieving something

- ▶ obstacle
- ▶ a bar to sth
- ▶ limiting

**obstacle** /'ɒbstəkl̩/ [n C] a problem that makes it difficult but not impossible for you to achieve what you want to achieve: The lack of money is a serious obstacle that could prevent the project from succeeding. | + to The greatest obstacle to economic progress has been mass unemployment. | **overcome an obstacle** (=deal with it successfully) She had to overcome a lot of obstacles to finally make it to drama college.

**a bar to sth** /ə 'bɑːr tə (sth)/ [n phrase] something that prevents someone from achieving what they want: His disability was no bar to his entry into the profession. | Differences in religious beliefs are not necessarily a bar to a good relationship.

**limiting** /'lɪmɪtɪŋ/ [adj] preventing something from improving, developing, growing etc: I found the lack of available reference books very limiting. | There is a lot of research that still needs to be done, but money is an important limiting factor.

## 30 to prevent someone from going somewhere

- ▶ be in the way
- ▶ block
- ▶ obstruct
- ▶ barrier
- ▶ blockade

**be in the way** /biː ɪn ðə 'weɪ/ [v phrase] if someone or something is in the way, they are in a position that stops you from going where you want: There's a car in the way and I can't get out of the garage. | **be in sb's way** Could you move please Sonia. You're in my way.

**block** /blɒk||blɑːk/ [v T] if objects or people block a road, entrance etc, they lie or stand right across it, so that no-one can pass through: A big truck had turned over on its side, and it was blocking the road. | Hundreds of protesters blocked the entrance to the President's palace.

**obstruct** /əb'strʌkt/ [v T] to block or almost block a road, entrance etc: A small aircraft now obstructed the runway. | The driveway was obstructed by piles of stones and gravel. — **obstruction** [n C] A truck was causing an obstruction on the road. | Construction workers building the tunnel have encountered a number of obstructions.

**barrier** /'bæriər/ [n C] something that has been deliberately put somewhere, especially across a road or entrance, to prevent people from entering a place: The automatic barrier lifted as we drove up. | The driver slowed down as he approached the police barrier. | Only a flimsy barrier stops the crowd from spilling onto the field.

**blockade** /blɒ'keɪd||blɑː-/ [v T] to use military force to prevent people or goods from entering or leaving an area: In June 1948 the Russians blockaded the western sectors of Berlin. | A US fleet blockaded the port of Veracruz. — **blockade** [n C] Getting food supplies through the blockade is almost impossible.

## 31 intended to prevent something happening

- ▶ preventive/preventative
- ▶ pre-emptive

**preventive/preventative** /prɪ'ventɪv, prɪ'ventətɪv/ [adj only before noun] intended to prevent something from happening or getting worse: We should spend more money educating people about preventive medicine. | Schools must take preventative measures so that this type of tragedy never happens again. | Preventative action can easily be taken to avoid damp occurring in your house.

**pre-emptive** /prɪ'emptɪv/ [adj] **pre-emptive strike/action/attack** an action that is done to harm someone before they can harm you – use this especially about official or military actions: The US says it is prepared to launch a pre-emptive strike with nuclear weapons if it is threatened.

## 32 something that can be prevented

- ▶ preventable
- ▶ avoidable

**preventable** /prɪ'ventəbəl/ [adj] something bad that is preventable, can be prevented: Whooping cough and measles are both preventable diseases. | Many of these deaths each year are preventable.

**avoidable** /ə'vɔɪdəbəl/ [adj] difficulties or problems that are avoidable can be prevented, and therefore you should not have to deal with them: Running out of gas is annoying and easily avoidable. | Too many children are still injured in avoidable accidents.



# story

## RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **film/movie, books**

### 1 a story

- |           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| ▶ story   | ▶ legend   |
| ▶ tale    | ▶ anecdote |
| ▶ fiction | ▶ saga     |
| ▶ myth    | ▶ epic     |

**story** /'stɔ:ri/ [n C] a description of real or imaginary events, which is told or written to entertain people: *All children love stories.* | *The film was OK, but I didn't think the story was very realistic.* | *a book of short stories* | **tell/read sb a story** *Sally, will you read us a story?* | **+ about** *Grandpa's always telling us stories about when he was a boy* | **+ of** *The movie tells the story of a young girl brought up in the Deep South in the 1930s.* | **ghost/love story** *We sat around the fire telling ghost stories.* | **fairy story** (=a story about imaginary people, creatures, and events) *He looked like some giant from a fairy story.* | **true story** (=about events that really happened) *The film is based on a true story.*

**tale** /teɪl/ [n C] an exciting story about imaginary events **+ of** *'Treasure Island' – a tale of pirates and adventure* | **tell a tale** *She told us many tales about when our father was a child.* | **fairy tale** (=a story about imaginary creatures, people, and events) *Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales*

**fiction** /'fɪkʃən/ [n U] writing that describes imaginary people and events: *So much modern fiction is full of sex and violence.* | **work of fiction** *Although it is a work of fiction, it is based on fact.* | **crime/romantic/historical etc fiction** *Adopting the style of romantic fiction, she said, 'I love him passionately'.* | **science fiction** (=stories about imaginary future times) *a science fiction novel* — **fictional** [adj] *I had to remind myself these were fictional characters, not real people.*

**myth** /mɪθ/ [n C/U] a very old story, about gods and magical creatures: *The myth tells of how the gods sent fire to the earth in flashes of lightning.* | *a ballet based on a Greek myth* | *The heroes of myth all had some point of weakness.*

**legend** /'ledʒənd/ [n C/U] an old story, usually about strange events or people with magic powers: *According to legend, the whole castle was washed into the sea.* | **+ of the legend of** *Robin Hood* | **legend has it (that)** (=according to legend) *Legend has it that Sarah Heln, who died in 1913, was shut alive inside a lead coffin.*

**anecdote** /'ænɪkdəʊt/ [n C] a short funny story about something that really happened: *Personal anecdotes have no place in an academic essay.* | **+ about** *The book is full of amusing anecdotes about his time in the police force.*

**saga** /'sɑ:gə/ [n C] a story about a series of connected events or adventures that take place over a long period of time, especially events involving one family: *The novel is a historical saga, set in Tudor times.* | **+ of** *Her saga of the rise and fall of a powerful family dynasty was a great commercial success.*

**epic** /'epɪk/ [n C] a story told in a long book, film, or poem which is about great or exciting events, especially in history: *The film was billed as an epic – an adventure story that would take the world and the box-office by storm.* | *The history of a single event*

*has been spun out to fill a 255 page epic.* | **epic poem/hero/style etc the epic poem** *'Beowulf'*

### 2 stories that are intended to teach people something

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| ▶ allegory | ▶ fable |
| ▶ parable  |         |

**allegory** /'ælɪgəri||-gɔ:ri/ [n C] a story in which the events and characters represent something or someone else from the real world: *'Animal Farm' is an allegory in which the animals represent the Russian people and Farmer Jones the old Tsarist regime.* | **+ of** *The film was a dark, powerful allegory of life in post-war America.*

**parable** /'pærəbəl/ [n C] a short simple story that is used to teach something, especially what is morally right: *Christ used parables to explain moral questions in a way that people could understand.* | *It is a kind of parable for the eighties – a lesson about the destructiveness of greed.* | **+ of the parable of** *'The Prodigal Son'*

**fable** /'feɪbəl/ [n C] a story that has a moral message, especially a story in which animals are used to represent people's good and bad behaviour: *The best-known of Aesop's fables is 'The Tortoise and the Hare'.* | *The life of Howard Hughes cannot fail to remind us of the fable of Midas.*

### 3 someone in a story

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| ▶ character | ▶ heroine |
| ▶ hero      |           |

**character** /'kærɪktər/ [n C] one of the people in a story: *The two main characters in the book are a young boy and his teacher.* | *Each group is named after a fictional character like Mickey Mouse.*

**hero** /'hɪərəʊ/ [n C] the man or boy who is the main character in a story: *In cinema, the hero always got the girl and the bad guy was always punished.* | *Shakespeare's best-known tragic hero is probably Hamlet.* | **+ of** *Who was the hero of 'The Catcher in the Rye'?*

**heroine** /'herəʊɪn/ [n C] the woman or girl who is the main character in a story: *The story is narrated entirely by the heroine.* | *She seems to see herself as some kind of romantic heroine in a trashy novel.*

### 4 the events in a story

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| ▶ plot | ▶ storyline |
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**plot** /plɒt||plɑ:t/ [n C] the series of events that happen in a book, play, film etc, and the way they are all connected: *The plot was so complicated that I was totally confused by the time I was two chapters in.* | *The book doesn't have much of a plot, but its characters are fantastic.*

**storyline** /'stɔ:rilaɪn/ [n C] the main story of a book, play, film etc: *Anna's marriage problems form the main storyline in Episode One.* | *The storyline was too far-fetched, and none of the actors were particularly good.*

### 5 the story of a real person's life

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| ▶ biography | ▶ life story |
| ▶ life      |              |

**biography** /baɪ'ɒgrəfi||-'ɑ:g-/ [n C] a book that is the







# strange

unusual in a way that makes you feel surprised, frightened, worried etc

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **unusual, crazy, mysterious, frightened/frightening, magic, ghost**

## 1 strange situations, experiences, smells, tastes etc

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| ▶ <b>strange</b>    | ▶ <b>bizarre</b> |
| ▶ <b>funny</b>      | ▶ <b>eerie</b>   |
| ▶ <b>peculiar</b>   | ▶ <b>surreal</b> |
| ▶ <b>mysterious</b> | ▶ <b>curious</b> |
| ▶ <b>weird</b>      | ▶ <b>ironic</b>  |

**strange** /streɪndʒ/ [adj] very different from what you expect or from what usually happens, in a way that makes you feel a little frightened or surprised: *A strange noise woke her up. | I had a strange feeling that I'd been there before. | Amanda's eyes glowed in a strange way, like a cat's. | He seemed to know lots of things about me, but the strange thing is I didn't even tell him my name. | it is strange that It's strange that you've never met him – he lives in your street. —strangely [adv] The downtown streets were strangely empty and peaceful.*

**funny** ALSO **odd** especially British /'fʌni, ɒd/ [adj] something **funny** or **odd** is a little strange and it makes you feel slightly worried or surprised because you cannot explain it or you do not know what it is: *There's a funny smell coming from the fridge. | Thumps and laughter and odd noises were coming out of the living room. | it is funny/odd that It seems odd that no one noticed him coming in. | It's funny that he managed to hit the ball because he never hits it in practice. | that's funny/that's odd spoken 'Your keys aren't here.' 'That's funny – I'm sure I left them on the table.' —oddly [adv] The eggplant was limp and oddly pale. | oddly enough Oddly enough, I didn't feel at all nervous about visiting the prison.*

**peculiar** /prɪ'kjuːliər/ [adj] strange and slightly unpleasant: *This meat tastes peculiar. | I've been having very peculiar dreams the past few weeks. | I heard a peculiar warbling from the living room.*

**mysterious** /mɪ'striəriəs/ [adj] use this about something that people know very little about and that is difficult to explain or understand: *No one could offer an explanation for his mysterious disappearance. | I kept getting mysterious phone calls where the caller would hang up as soon as I answered. | under mysterious circumstances Two weeks later, the shop burned to the ground under mysterious circumstances. —mysteriously [adv] Mysteriously, no one had noticed anyone leave or enter the room.*

**weird** /wiəd/ [adj] a **weird** experience, feeling, sight, or sound is strange and very different from what you are used to: *She only had lipstick on her bottom lip which looked pretty weird. | It's a weird feeling to go back to a place that you lived in a long time ago.*

**bizarre** /bɪ'zɑːr/ [adj] extremely strange, and very different from what is generally considered to be normal, especially in a frightening or slightly worrying way: *Woods disappeared in very bizarre circumstances, and no trace of him has ever been found. | It was bizarre – if we took longer than five minutes in the bathroom, we had to explain why to our manager.*

**eerie** /'iəri/ [adj] strange and frightening: *An eerie howl filled the cave. | I had the eerie feeling that somebody was watching me. | The pumps were shut off now. It was eerie, being in the factory without their sound. —eerily [adv] The forest around them remained eerily silent.*

**surreal** /sə'riəl/ [adj] extremely strange, because nothing seems connected with real life or normal experiences, and things happen or appear together that do not belong together: *Living on the commune turned out to be a surreal experience. | The whole trial and the media circus surrounding it was surreal.*

**curious** /'kjʊəriəs/ [adj usually before noun] strange and surprising but interesting, so that you want to know more about it: *Life in the village was a curious combination of the old and the very new. | He had come to some curious arrangement with his landlady. —curiously [adv] It was a curiously organized office.*

**ironic** /aɪ'rɒnɪk/ [adj] an **ironic** situation seems strange and amusing, because something happens that you would not expect at all: *Her car was stolen from outside the police station, which is pretty ironic. | One of the study's ironic discoveries is that TV trials educate the public about the justice system better than actual trials. | it is ironic that It's ironic that professional athletes are often such unhealthy people. —ironically [adv] Ironically, it was his very success which led to the media attention and his eventual downfall.*

## 2 strange people, behaviour, objects or ideas

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| ▶ <b>strange</b>    | ▶ <b>funny/odd</b> |
| ▶ <b>eccentric</b>  | ▶ <b>peculiar</b>  |
| ▶ <b>weird</b>      | ▶ <b>kinky</b>     |
| ▶ <b>bizarre</b>    | ▶ <b>warped</b>    |
| ▶ <b>outlandish</b> |                    |

**strange** /streɪndʒ/ [adj] *Pearl was a strange girl who never played with the other children. | He's very strange – you never really know what he's thinking. | Marla has some strange ideas about raising children. —strangely [adv] Witnesses said the man was carrying a gun and behaving strangely.*

**eccentric** /ɪk'sentrik/ [adj] an **eccentric** person has strange and slightly crazy habits or ideas, which people think are amusing: *Our neighbour is an eccentric old lady who has about 25 cats. | Mr. Withers is a little eccentric, but he's basically harmless.*

**weird** /wiəd/ [adj] strange and slightly frightening, and making you feel uncomfortable: *I don't really want to spend the evening with Helen – she's so weird. | She's dating a really weird guy who's into witchcraft and black magic. | The museum has a collection of the weirdest sculptures I've ever seen.*

**bizarre** /bɪ'zɑːr/ [adj] extremely strange, and very different from what is generally considered to be normal, especially in a frightening or slightly worrying way: *They tell the most bizarre stories about him. | The marriage between the two stars was as bizarre as it was short-lived. | Colin later took his own life in a bizarre suicide pact with his mother. —bizarrely [adv] Roland was dressed rather bizarrely in the robes of a priest.*

**outlandish** /aʊt'lændɪʃ/ [adj] something that is **outlandish** is very strange, and not at all like anything you are used to: *Parts of Lisa's story sounded outlandish, and no one would believe her. | She came*



to the party wearing an outlandish costume and blond wig.

**funny/odd** /ˈfʌni, ɒd||ɑ:d/ [adj] especially British slightly strange and difficult to understand: *Did Anna warn you that her aunt is rather ... well, rather odd?* | *He's a bit funny – sometimes he's very friendly, other times he just ignores you.*

**peculiar** /prɪˈkju:liər/ [adj] slightly strange, and different from what you would normally expect, especially in a way that is either amusing or a little worrying: *She's actually very friendly in her own peculiar way.* | *Glenn started acting peculiar after his wife's funeral.*

**kinky** /ˈkɪŋki/ [adj] someone who is **kinky**, or who does **kinky** things, has strange ways of getting sexual excitement: *kinky sex* | *I think he's a bit kinky – but I like him.*

**warped** /wɔ:ˈrpt/ [adj] informal someone who is **warped** has ideas or thoughts that most people think are unpleasant and strange: *Some of my professors at college were pretty warped.* | *In his statement the chief of police said, 'We are dealing with a warped mind, and we have to take all precautions.'* | *Only someone with a warped sense of humor would think the accident is funny.*

### 3 a strange person

- ▶ **weirdo**
- ▶ **oddball**
- ▶ **freak**
- ▶ **crank**

**weirdo** /ˈwiəˈdəʊ/ [n C] informal someone who is very strange in an unpleasant and sometimes threatening way: *There's a weirdo who stands in front of the store and talks to himself.* | *When I travel by underground I always seem to end up sitting next to some weirdo.*

**oddball** /ˈɒdbɔ:l||ɑ:d-/ [n C] informal a strange person: *Most of my family's OK, but my brother's a bit of an oddball.* | *Growing up, most of the other kids considered me an oddball.*

**freak** /fri:k/ [n C] informal a very strange person, especially one who behaves oddly and has strange ideas: *The guy is probably just some freak who saw her on TV and decided he loves her.* | **control/neat/fast food etc freak** *Her husband's a control freak – he won't let her leave the house without him.*

**crank** /kræŋk/ [n C] British someone who other people think is strange, especially because they have beliefs, aims, or habits that are thought to be very unusual or too extreme: *Vegetarians were once regarded as cranks.* | *Call me a crank, but I think the world was a lot better before mobile phones came along.*

## strict/not strict

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **rule/regulation, obey, disobey, punish, tell sb off**

### 1 people/organizations

- ▶ **strict**
- ▶ **firm**
- ▶ **tough**
- ▶ **stern**
- ▶ **harsh**
- ▶ **authoritarian**
- ▶ **be a stickler for**
- ▶ **disciplinarian**

**strict** /strikt/ [adj] someone who is **strict** makes people obey rules and refuses to let people disobey

them – use this especially about parents, teachers, or organizations: *Teachers need to be strict, but also fair.* | **+ with** *I think you're too strict with your children.* | **+ about** *The manager is very strict about people getting to work on time.* | *Most schools are quite strict about the way students dress.* — **strictly** [adv] *They brought their children up very strictly.*

**firm** /fɜ:ˈm/ [adj] if you are **firm** with someone, you tell them that they must accept what you say because you are not going to change it: *Emily was polite but firm – her answer was 'no'.* | **+ with** *You'll just have to be firm with him and tell him he can't have any more money.* — **firmly** [adv] *'No,' she said firmly, 'you can't go.'* | *She told me quite firmly that she wasn't prepared to give any more time to the project.*

**tough** /tʌf/ [adj] informal determined that your orders or decisions will be obeyed, especially in order to make sure a situation or someone's progress improves – use this especially when you think that someone is right to be strict: *The chancellor has got to be tough and keep government spending down.* | **+ on** *We need a government that is tough on crime.* | **+ with** *She's quite tough with her students.*

**stern** /stɜ:ˈn/ [adj] written strict in a serious, disapproving, and unfriendly way: *Her grandfather was a stern man who rarely smiled.* | *Sheila walked into the museum, under the stern gaze of the curator.* — **sternly** [adv] *'What's all this nonsense about?' asked my uncle sternly.*

**harsh** /hɑ:ˈʃ/ [adj] cruel and not sympathetic in the way that you deal with bad behaviour or mistakes: *It may seem harsh to punish him, but he has to learn that this kind of behaviour is unacceptable.* | *Her reaction to the child's bad behaviour was unnecessarily harsh.* — **harshly** [adv] *He spoke firmly but not harshly.*

**authoritarian** /ɔ:,θɒrɪˈteəriən||ɔ:,θɑ:-, ə,θɔ:-/ [adj] forcing people to obey rules or laws, and punishing them severely if they do not: *Their father was authoritarian in the home, insisting on total obedience.* | *Many people are now demanding a more democratic and less authoritarian form of government.* | **authoritarian regime** *an extreme right-wing, authoritarian regime*

**be a stickler for** /bi: ə ˈstɪklər fɔ:r/ [v phrase] to demand that people keep strictly to rules, customs etc, especially in a way that people think is unnecessary and old-fashioned: *The caretaker is a real stickler for rules.* | *My mother was a stickler for cleanliness.*

**disciplinarian** /ˌdɪsɪˈplɪˈneəriən/ [n C] a very strict person who believes that people should obey rules and orders, and who punishes those who do not: *The store manager was a disciplinarian, but was always fair to his staff.* | **strict disciplinarian** *She was a wonderful teacher, but a strict disciplinarian.*

### 2 rules/laws/systems

- ▶ **strict**
- ▶ **tough**
- ▶ **harsh**
- ▶ **stringent**
- ▶ **rigid**
- ▶ **tight**
- ▶ **draconian**

**strict** /strikt/ [adj usually before noun] **strict** rules, laws, etc are very clear and must always be obeyed: *There are strict rules about the use of dangerous chemicals.* | *He had strict instructions to return the key to me.* — **strictly** [adv] *Smoking is strictly forbidden in this area.*

**tough** /tʌf/ [adj] **tough** laws or rules are very strict



and do not allow much freedom: *The federal government is introducing tough new rules to control immigration.* | *Opposition leaders are demanding tougher laws against drinking and driving.*

**harsh** /hɑːrʃ/ [adj] a **harsh** law or system of government has strict rules and severe punishments – use this about something that you think is unfair and too strict: *The government has brought in harsh measures to combat the rioting taking place in many cities.* | *a harsh military regime* — **harshly** [adv] *Many of the prisoners were treated very harshly.*

**stringent** /ˈstrɪndʒənt/ [adj] controlled very strictly by rules that have very high standards **stringent controls/measures/regulations etc** *There are now stringent controls on pollution from all power stations.* | *stringent air safety regulations*

**rigid** /ˈrɪdʒɪd/ [adj] **rigid** systems or rules are very strict and difficult to change: *He built the team through hard training and rigid discipline.* | *It is not possible to lay down rigid rules on sentencing – judges must be free to use their discretion.*

**tight** /taɪt/ [adj] **tight** controls or limits are very strict about what is allowed and what is not allowed: *The report recommends tighter controls on the advertising of cigarettes.* | *Laws controlling the emission of greenhouse gases are not nearly tight enough.*

**draconian** /drəˈkəʊniən/ [adj] formal **draconian laws/measures/penalties etc** laws or punishments that are extremely strict or cruel: *The government has imposed draconian penalties for anyone found in possession of illegal drugs.* | *Draconian measures have been implemented to control population growth.*

### 3 to treat someone strictly

- ▶ **be hard on**
- ▶ **get tough with**
- ▶ **stand/take no nonsense**
- ▶ **rule with a rod of iron**
- ▶ **keep a tight rein on**

**be hard on** /biː ˈhɑːrd ɒn/ [v phrase] to treat someone very strictly and sometimes unfairly: *Sometimes I think you're too hard on that boy.* | *Don't be too hard on her. She didn't mean to break it.*

**get tough with** /get ˈtʌf wið/ [v phrase] to begin to treat someone strictly because they have been doing something that is wrong or illegal: *At last the government is starting to get tough with dealers who sell dangerous second-hand cars.* | *Football clubs have been told that they must get tough with violent fans.*

**stand/take no nonsense** /ˌstænd, ˌteɪk nəʊ ˈnɒnsəns/ [v phrase] if you say that you **stand** or **take no nonsense**, you mean you treat other people strictly, but in a way that makes people respect you: *I won't stand any nonsense. I want you all in bed by nine o'clock.* | + **from** *She was a very good teacher who would take no nonsense from her students.*

**rule with a rod of iron** /ˌruːl wið ə ˌrɒd əv ˈaɪərn/ [v phrase not in progressive] to control an organization or group of people very strictly, by always punishing people if they do not obey you: *Their mother ruled their life with a rod of iron.* | *The Secret police ruled the city with a rod of iron.*

**keep a tight rein on** /kiːp ə ˌtaɪt ˈreɪn ɒn/ [v phrase] to strictly control someone's behaviour, for example by not allowing them to do things without asking your permission: *They keep a very tight rein on their children.* | *The government has promised to keep a tight rein on public spending.*

### 4 to deal very strictly with bad behaviour or crime

- ▶ **come down hard on**
- ▶ **crack down on**
- ▶ **clamp down on**
- ▶ **tighten up**

**come down hard on** /ˌkʌm daʊn ˈhɑːrd ɒn/ [v phrase] to deal very strictly with a bad behaviour or crime by punishing people severely for it: *You'll find that Mr Evans comes down very hard on people who don't do their job properly.* | *The authorities are really coming down hard on tax evasion.*

**crack down on** /ˌkræk ˈdaʊn ɒn/ [phr v T] to start dealing with an illegal activity in a much stricter way than before: *The Athletics Federation plans to crack down on drug and steroid abuse by athletes.* | *The government has promised to crack down on crime.* | *City authorities were quick to crack down on the rioters.* — **crack-down** /ˌkræk daʊn/ [n C] *In the first week of the police crack-down, over 500 car thieves were arrested.* | + **on** *a crack-down on drug dealers*

**clamp down on** /ˌklæmp ˈdaʊn ɒn/ [phr v T] to treat a particular crime or activity much more strictly than before to stop it from becoming more common: *New laws will clamp down on the illegal smuggling of cigarettes and tobacco.* | *Recently the courts have clamped down on joy-riding.* — **clamp-down** /ˌklæmp daʊn/ [n C] + **on** *Children's organizations are calling for a clamp-down on TV violence.*

**tighten up** /ˌtaɪtn ˈʌp/ [phr v T] to make rules, laws, or controls more strict so that it is harder for people to break them: *The prime minister has promised to tighten up the law on carbon dioxide emissions.* | + **on** *The music industry is determined to tighten up on the illegal copying of CDs.*

### 5 punishments/criticism

- ▶ **severe**
- ▶ **heavy**
- ▶ **stiff**

**severe** /sɪˈviə/ [adj] use this to describe a punishment or criticism that is very strict: *There are very severe penalties for drug dealing.* | *Many people feel the punishment should have been more severe.* | *The organization has been the subject of severe criticism for the way it treated its staff.* — **severely** [adv] *Anyone caught breaking the rules will be severely punished.*

**heavy** /ˈhevi/ [adj] use this to describe a punishment that is strict **heavy fine** *Companies that continue to cause pollution will now face heavy fines.* | **heavy penalty** *There are heavy penalties for anyone caught in possession of counterfeit money.*

**stiff** /stɪf/ [adj] use this to describe an official punishment that is more strict than usual **stiff fine** *Motorists who do not obey the rules will face stiff fines of up to £3000.* | **stiff penalty** *Magistrates now have the power to impose stiff penalties on the parents of children who fail to turn up for school.* | **stiff sentence** *For crimes involving the use of guns, the sentences are particularly stiff.*

### 6 to make rules less strict

- ▶ **relax**

**relax** /rɪˈlæks/ [v T] to make rules, laws, or controls less strict: *The government proposes to relax the rules on bringing pets into the country.* | *Local residents are protesting against plans to relax laws controlling pub opening hours.*



## 7 to become less strict

- ▶ **relent**
- ▶ **soften**
- ▶ **mellow**
- ▶ **go easy on**
- ▶ **ease up on**
- ▶ **let up on**

**relent** /rɪˈlent/ [v I] to change your mind and decide to be less strict about something: *Marjorie finally relented and agreed to meet him.* | *Prison officials relented and allowed Wilson to receive visits from his family.* | *He begged and begged to be allowed to go to the game, and in the end I relented.*

**soften** /ˈsɒfən/ [v I/T] to become less strict and more sympathetic towards someone: *The inspector looked angry but then softened when he saw the boy's frightened expression.* | *The government seems to have softened its attitude towards single parents.*

**mellow** /ˈmeləʊ/ [v I] to change your attitude and become less strict, especially over a long period of time: *She's mellowed a lot since she retired.* | **mellow with age/time** *He hasn't always been so understanding. He's really mellowed with age.*

**go easy on** /ˌɡəʊ ˈiːzi ɒn/ [v phrase] especially spoken to treat someone less strictly than usual, especially because they have special problems or difficulties: *Go easy on her. She's had a very difficult time since her parents died.* | *I think you should go easy on Jim.*

**ease up on** /iːz ˈʌp ɒn/ [phr v T] to stop treating someone so strictly, especially because they do not deserve it or because they are affected badly by it: *I've decided we need to ease up on Sally and take the pressure off her for a while.*

**let up on** /ˌlet ˈʌp ɒn/ [phr v T] to treat someone less strictly, especially temporarily after a period of strict treatment: *If you let up on him he'll have a chance to show that he can behave himself.* | *She never lets up on those poor kids!*

## 8 people/attitudes that are not strict

- ▶ **lenient**
- ▶ **easy-going**
- ▶ **soft**
- ▶ **tolerant**
- ▶ **tolerance**
- ▶ **liberal**
- ▶ **broad-minded**
- ▶ **permissive**
- ▶ **lax**
- ▶ **over-indulgent**

**lenient** /ˈliːniənt/ [adj] not strict in the way that you punish people or control their behaviour: *The younger teachers generally had a more lenient attitude towards their students.* | + **with** *Some police officers have criticized judges for being too lenient with car thieves and burglars.* — **leniently** [adv] *The courts will often deal quite leniently with first-time offenders.* — **leniency** [n U] when someone is not strict: *This report shows that wealthy people are treated with more leniency when they break the law.*

**easy-going** /iːzi ˈɡəʊɪŋ/ [adj] someone who is **easy-going** does not care about being strict, and is usually calm and relaxed: *Our parents are pretty easy-going, and they don't mind if we stay out late.*

**soft** /sɒft/ [adj] someone who is **soft** seems weak because they are not strict enough with other people: *He doesn't have the right personality to be an army officer, he's too soft.* | + **on** *They accused the government of being too soft on crime.*

**tolerant** /ˈtɒlərənt/ [adj] allowing people to do, say, or believe what they like without fear of being punished or criticized: *I've tried to adopt a fairly tolerant attitude towards his behaviour.* | + **of** *She's not very tolerant of other people's failings.* | + **towards** *You should try to be more tolerant towards other people.*

**tolerance** /ˈtɒlərəns/ [n U] behaviour or an attitude that allows people to do, say, or believe what they like without fear of being punished or criticized: *Tolerance was not a quality you associated with my parents.* | + **of** *The government is beginning to show more tolerance of opposition groups.* | + **towards** *The school encourages an attitude of tolerance towards all people.*

**liberal** /ˈlɪbərəl/ [adj] willing to understand and respect other people's ideas, opinions, and behaviour, even if you do not approve of them: *I was fortunate enough to have very liberal parents.* | *He has quite liberal views for someone of his generation.*

**broad-minded** /ˌbrɔːd ˈmaɪndɪd/ [adj] willing to accept and respect other people's beliefs or behaviour although they may be very different from your own: *My mother's quite broad-minded. She understands my decision to bring up my baby on my own.*

**permissive** /pəˈmɪsɪv/ [adj] a **permissive** society or person allows behaviour, especially sexual behaviour, that many other people disapprove of: *In the permissive society of the 1960s anything was possible.* | *It's not always true that young people have a more permissive attitude towards sex.* — **permissiveness** [n U] *Some parents are worried that their children might be corrupted by western permissiveness.*

**lax** /læks/ [adj] not strict enough, especially through laziness or carelessness: *The report criticizes the lax security at many prisons.* | + **about** *I think the school has been too lax about bad behaviour in the past.* — **laxity** [n U] formal *She accused Henry of moral laxity.*

**over-indulgent** /əʊvər ɪnˈdʌldʒənt/ [adj] allowing someone, especially a child, to behave in whatever way they want because you love them: *Parents can easily fall into the trap of being over-indulgent with their first child.* | *She was brought up by a succession of over-indulgent relations.*

## 9 criticism/punishment that is not strict

- ▶ **light**
- ▶ **lenient**
- ▶ **mild**

**light** /laɪt/ [adj] *The sentence was surprisingly light for such a serious offence.* | *Some ministers are suggesting that there should be much lighter penalties for first-time offenders.*

**lenient** /ˈliːniənt/ [adj] an official punishment that is **lenient** is not severe: *The prosecution lawyer challenged the sentence as being unduly lenient.* | *He was given a comparatively lenient fine.*

**mild** /maɪld/ [adj] criticism or a punishment that is **mild** is not strict, especially in a way that is surprising: *Many drug dealers are prepared to take the risk because they know that if they are caught the punishment will be mild.* | *Her proposals were welcomed by most people, with only mild criticism from a few of her opponents.*

# strike

to stop working in order to demand higher wages, better conditions etc

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ to hit someone or something see **hit**
- ▶ see also **stop, work, protest, government, politics, rebellion/revolution**



## 1 to stop working in order to get higher wages etc

- ▶ go on strike
- ▶ strike
- ▶ come out on strike
- ▶ walk out
- ▶ down tools
- ▶ be on strike

**go on strike** /,gəʊ ɒn 'straɪk/ [v phrase] if workers **go on strike**, they stop working in order to demand better pay or working conditions, or to protest about something: *In 1926, all Britain's miners, railway workers, and transport workers went on strike.* | + **for** *The engineers have gone on strike for better pay and shorter working hours.* | **go on indefinite strike** (=go on strike until something is done to change a situation) *From tomorrow, we're going on indefinite strike unless something's done to reduce the number of accidents in the factory.*

**strike** /straɪk/ [v] if workers **strike**, they stop working in order to demand higher wages etc – used especially in news reports: *Female workers are often more reluctant than men to strike in order to get what they want.* | + **for** *Teachers were not striking for higher pay, but for higher standards in education.* — **striking** [adj only before noun] *Outside the offices, standing in the rain, were 1400 striking clerical workers.*

**come out on strike** /,kʌm aʊt ɒn 'straɪk/ [v phrase] British if a group of workers **come out on strike**, they deliberately stop working as a protest, especially after discussions with their employers have failed to produce any agreement: *Union leaders are calling on their members to come out on strike from next Monday.* | + **in support of sb/sth** *The government just didn't expect teachers to come out on strike in support of the miners.*

**walk out** /,wɔ:k 'aʊt/ [phr v] if workers **walk out**, they stop working and leave the place where they are working, especially when this has not been planned but happens as a protest about something that has just happened: *This afternoon, three hundred car workers walked out as a protest over cuts in overtime.* | *Ambulance drivers have threatened to walk out if their pay claim is rejected.* — **walk-out** /'wɔ:k aʊt/ [n C] *What started as a walk-out in a small factory in Manchester was to develop into a national and long-running strike.*

**down tools** /,daʊn 'tu:lz/ [v phrase] British if workers in a factory **down tools**, they stop working as a protest about something that has just happened: *After their workmate was sacked, the other machinists all downed tools until she was reinstated.*

**be on strike** /bi: ɒn 'straɪk/ [v phrase] if workers **are on strike**, they have stopped working in order to demand higher wages etc: *Some two-thirds of the country's diamond miners are now on strike.* | **be out on strike** *There were frequent power cuts when the electricity workers were out on strike.*

## 2 when workers are on strike

- ▶ strike
- ▶ industrial action
- ▶ work-to-rule
- ▶ stoppage
- ▶ go-slow

**strike** /straɪk/ [n C] *The offices were closed by a strike that lasted two months.* | **miners'/teachers'/railworkers' etc strike** *Since the miners' strike, thirty of the mines in the area have been closed.* | **coal/rail/dock etc strike** *The roads were a nightmare as commuters were hit by a rail strike.* | **call a strike** (=ask workers to strike) *When union bosses called a strike in protest over low pay, the response was overwhelm-*

*ing.* | **call off a strike** (=stop striking) *The administration has officially asked transportation workers to call off their strike.* | **general strike** (=when most workers in a country strike) *Following a general strike and calls for his resignation, the President was arrested on 26 March.* | **strike action** *Shipbuilders and dockers were solidly in favour of strike action in support of their claim.*

**industrial action** /ɪn,dʌstriəl 'ækʃən/ [n U] when a group of workers try to persuade their employer to improve pay or conditions, either by going on strike or by doing less work than they usually do: *Exactly what form the industrial action will take is not yet known.* | *Most of the workers are against industrial action, but are asking for talks with employers.* | **take industrial action** *A survey of 2,000 federation members had shown that 48% believed police should have the right to take industrial action.*

**work-to-rule** /,wɜ:k tə 'ru:l/ [n singular] when workers do only the amount of work they legally have to do and no more, as a protest against something: *Because of their work-to-rule, teachers were no longer taking after-school clubs or supervising lunch hours.*

**stoppage** British ALSO **work stoppage** American /'stɒpɪdʒ, 'wɜ:k ,stɒpɪdʒ/ [n C] when a group of workers stop working for a short time until their complaint, protest, or demand is dealt with: *Customs officers will return to work today after a twenty-four hour stoppage.* | *Railworkers in central Poland also joined the stoppage, cutting the link with the industrial south-west.* | *The plan is likely to be met with work stoppages and other labor disruptions.*

**go-slow** /,gəʊ 'sləʊ/ [n C] British when a group of workers deliberately work more slowly than usual as a way of protesting about low wages, bad working conditions etc: *The hospital seemed to be treating as many patients as possible before the go-slow came into effect.*

## strong

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: ————— **weak**

- ▶ strong taste *see* **taste**
- ▶ strong smell *see* **smell**
- ▶ *see also* **healthy/unhealthy, fit/not fit, power/powerful, brave/not brave, hard, feel, believe, determined**

## 1 having a strong body

- ▶ strong
- ▶ powerful
- ▶ muscular
- ▶ well-built
- ▶ strapping
- ▶ brawny

**strong** /strɒŋ||strɔ:ŋ/ [adj] someone who is **strong** has big muscles and can lift heavy things, do a lot of physical work etc: *It took four strong men to lift the piano.* | *Unless you have very strong arms, get a workman to do the drilling for you.* | **big and strong** *Sarah's big and strong, just like the men she works with.* | **as strong as an ox** (=very strong) *Twenty years of working in the steel mill had made him as strong as an ox.*

**powerful** /'paʊəfəl/ [adj] very strong – use this about someone's body, arms, muscles etc: *He was a tall man with a powerful physique.*

**muscular** /'mʌskjʊlər/ [adj] someone who is **muscular** looks strong because you can see that they



have big muscles: *She liked men who were tall and muscular. | He had broad shoulders and muscular arms. | He kept his firm muscular body in shape with an hour's run every morning.*

**well-built** /wel 'bɪlt/ [adj] a **well-built** man is strong and tall in an attractive way: *A well-built young man in uniform came to our table and asked the time. | Witnesses have described the attacker as white, six feet tall and well-built.*

**strapping** /'stræpɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] a **strapping** young man or young woman is strong, tall, and looks healthy and active: *She remembered Martin as a strapping youth with a big appetite. | The farmer's daughters were a fine pair of strapping young girls.*

**brawny** /'brɔːni/ [adj] strong, with big muscles – use this especially to talk about someone who looks physically strong rather than intelligent: *The gardener's assistant arrived – a brawny youth who never said a word. | He had a football player's physique: big head, thick neck, brawny shoulders, and heavy legs.*

## 2 strong and healthy, and able to deal with illnesses, difficult conditions etc

- ▶ **strong**
- ▶ **sturdy**
- ▶ **robust**
- ▶ **hardy**
- ▶ **tough**
- ▶ **resilient**

**strong** /strɒŋ||strɔːŋ/ [adj] *She had three young daughters, all strong and healthy. | After a week in bed I felt strong enough to try walking a few steps. | have a strong constitution* (=have a naturally strong and healthy body) *Despite his strong constitution, his health was beginning to suffer.*

**sturdy** /'stɜːrdi/ [adj] strong and healthy-looking, and a little short: *Maria was small and sturdy, with dark hair and dark eyes. | Mrs Harding herself was thin and frail but her son was a sturdy sixteen-year-old. | The ponies used underground were sturdy little animals that came originally from Northern Spain.*

**robust** /rə'bast, 'rəʊbast/ [adj] someone who is **robust**, is strong and healthy and unlikely to become ill or get tired easily: *Though he was over seventy, he was still robust and active. | Less robust persons might need a siesta, but Eva worked right through from dawn till dusk.*

**hardy** /'hɑːrdi/ [adj] people who are **hardy** are naturally strong and healthy and can live in very difficult or uncomfortable conditions: *The people who lived in the hills were a hardy and hard-working race. | Charolais cattle do not like rain or too much cold. They are not hardy animals.*

**tough** /taf/ [adj] physically and mentally strong, so that you can live through very difficult conditions: *When Aunt Agnes caught cholera out in India, we all expected her to die – but she's a tough old lady and she pulled through. | I know she's only a kid, but she's tough.*

**resilient** /rɪ'zɪliənt/ [adj] someone who is **resilient**, especially a young person, is strong and healthy, so that they are only affected for a short time by illness, difficulties, or sudden changes in their lives: *Amy will soon be out of hospital – children of her age are very resilient. | Being twenty-three years old and quite resilient, I got over the shock pretty quickly.*

## 3 physical strength

- ▶ **strength**
- ▶ **power**
- ▶ **brawn**
- ▶ **force**
- ▶ **stamina**
- ▶ **staying power**
- ▶ **endurance**

**strength** /streŋθ, strenθ/ [n U] the ability to lift or carry heavy things, to do a lot of physical work etc: *Men are better at some sports because of their greater physical strength. | Regular gym sessions will improve both your health and strength. | I didn't have the strength to climb any further. | Diana pulled on the rope with all her strength. | build up your strength* *Bill was doing a lot of exercise to build up his strength.*

**power** /'paʊər/ [n U] a lot of physical strength in a particular part of your body: *Mike had tremendous power in his forearms. | A dynamometer is used to measure muscle power.*

**brawn** /brɔːn/ [n U] physical strength, use this especially to compare strength with intelligence or skill: *You can't be good at tennis if you rely on brawn alone – it takes skill as well. | The battle was won by brain rather than brawn.*

**force** /fɔːrs/ [n U] physical strength that is needed to be able to push, pull, or lift something: *I had to use force to get the window open. | physical force* *The use of physical force by teachers tended to promote violent behaviour by pupils.*

**stamina** /'stæmɪnə/ [n U] the ability to work hard, run, play sports etc for a long time without getting tired: *You need stamina to be a long-distance runner. | exercises to increase your strength and stamina*

**staying power** /'steɪ-ɪŋ, paʊər/ [n U] the ability to continue doing something difficult until it is finished: *You have to admire her staying power. No one else has managed to stick that job for more than a year! | Ahmedi's performances were world-class in the 1500 metres but he just didn't have the staying power for longer races.*

**endurance** /ɪn'dʒʊərəns||ɪn'dʊər-/ [n U] the physical and mental strength you need to be able to continue in a very difficult, unpleasant, or uncomfortable situation for a long time: *The people showed great courage, patience, and endurance during the long years of the war. | endurance test* *The triathlon is the ultimate endurance test. | test of sb's endurance* (=a situation that needs great endurance) *The expeditions behind enemy lines were a tremendous test of one's endurance and nerves.*

## 4 strong thing/material

- ▶ **strong**
- ▶ **solid**
- ▶ **tough**
- ▶ **durable**
- ▶ **heavy-duty**
- ▶ **hardwearing**
- ▶ **reinforced**
- ▶ **unbreakable**
- ▶ **indestructible**

**strong** /strɒŋ||strɔːŋ/ [adj] something that is **strong** cannot be broken or destroyed easily: *The bags are made of strong black plastic | You'll need a strong piece of rope for towing the car. | After full heat treatment, the alloy proved to be five times as strong as the pure aluminium. — strength /streŋθ, strenθ/ [n U] *If internal timbers are removed, the strength of the roof will be seriously impaired.**

**solid** /'sɒlɪd||'sɑː-/ [adj] a building or piece of furniture that is **solid** is strong and well made: *The table seemed solid enough, so I climbed up onto it. | rows of*



*solid little houses built of local stone* | **as solid as a rock** (=very solid) *He rapped his knuckles against the body of the sink unit. It was as solid as a rock.*

**tough** /taʊ/ [adj] not easily cut or damaged – use this about cloth, leather, plastic etc: *The sailors wore jackets made from tough waterproof cotton.* | *a pair of tough leather boots* | *Normal floor paint might not be tough enough for the garage.*

**durable** /'djʊərəbəl||'dʊər-/ [adj] substances or products that are **durable** are strong and will last a long time, even if they are used a lot: *Bronze is harder and more durable than tin.* | *What you need for Africa is a simple, durable and inexpensive vehicle.* | *The roofs are constructed from heavy and durable timbers, usually teak or mahogany.* — **durability** /'djʊərə'bɪlɪti||'dʊər-/ [n U] *We tested several products for quality and durability.*

**heavy-duty** /,hevi 'dju:ti-||-'du:ti-/ [adj only before noun] **heavy-duty** materials, tools, machines etc are specially made to be stronger than usual, often because they are going to be used a lot or used in difficult conditions: *If you are going to put an electric cable underground, you must use the special heavy-duty type.* | *The emergency equipment includes food, a first-aid kit, and a heavy-duty flashlight.*

**hardwearing** /,hɑ:rd'weərɪŋ-/ [adj] a **hardwearing** cloth or material is strong and will last a long time, even if it is used a lot: *Polyester is not particularly hardwearing but it is cheap.* | *It's best to lay a good quality, hardwearing carpet.*

**reinforced** /,ri:ɪn'fɔ:rst-/ [adj only before noun] a **reinforced** material or part has had other materials or parts added to make it stronger: *A reinforced concrete dome, two metres thick, protects the radioactive core of the nuclear reactor.* | *Like all the clothes in the range it has specially reinforced seams.*

**unbreakable** /ʌn'breɪkəbəl/ [adj] something that is **unbreakable** is difficult or impossible to break because it is made of a very strong substance: *Make sure your patio doors are made of unbreakable glass.* | *a virtually unbreakable vacuum flask*

**indestructible** /,ɪndɪ'strʌktəbəl/ [adj] impossible to break, damage or destroy: *Until the accident, the ship was considered indestructible.* | *There is little point putting an indestructible door in a frame that will rot in 10 years.*

## 5 to make something stronger

- ▶ make sth stronger
- ▶ reinforce
- ▶ strengthen

**make sth stronger** /,merk (sth) 'strɒŋgər||-'strɔ:ŋ-/ [v phrase] to make something physically stronger: *I've put in some extra posts to make the fence stronger.* | *A final heat treatment makes the glass much stronger and improves its optical qualities.*

**strengthen** /'streŋθən, 'strenθən/ [v T] to make something strong, especially by adding something else: *The ship's decks will have to be strengthened to carry the extra weight.* | *a set of exercises to strengthen the leg muscles* | *The walls were strengthened with steel rods.*

**reinforce** /,ri:ɪn'fɔ:rs/ [v T] to make part of a building or structure stronger: *Huge beams have been added at the top of the walls to reinforce the carved medieval roof.* | *The sea wall at Southend is being reinforced with tons of cement.*

## 6 a strong feeling/belief

- ▶ strong
- ▶ intense
- ▶ passionate
- ▶ powerful
- ▶ deep
- ▶ fervent
- ▶ ardent

**strong** /strɒŋ||strɔ:ŋ/ [adj] *The subject of abortion always arouses strong emotions.* | *Stapleton has very strong views on capital punishment.* | *She had a strong urge to sell everything she owned and travel abroad.* | *The new police have received strong support from local residents.* — **strongly** [adv] *I don't let people smoke in my house – it's something I feel very strongly about.* — **strength** /streŋθ, strenθ/ [n U] *The President could not ignore the strength of public opinion.*

**intense** /ɪn'tens/ [adj] a feeling that is **intense** is extremely strong: *It would give me intense pleasure to beat him at tennis.* | *As we waited for the winner to be announced, the excitement was intense.* | *Every car was stopped and searched, which caused intense annoyance to the drivers.* — **intensely** [adv] *From the moment I first met him I disliked him intensely.*

**passionate** /'pæʃənɪt/ [adj] involving strong feelings, especially about what is right and wrong: *I remember many passionate arguments taking place around this table.* | + **about** *He's passionate about the need to protect the environment.* | **passionate believer/opponent/supporter etc** *Thatcher has always been a passionate believer in the ideals of a free market economy.* — **passionately** [adv] *He was passionately against nuclear weapons.* — **passion** [n U] *He delivered his speech with passion and conviction.*

**powerful** /'paʊəfəl/ [adj] having a great effect on someone: *Jealousy is a very powerful emotion.* | *Her desire to hit him was so powerful that she had to force herself to leave the room at once.*

**deep** /di:p/ [adj] a **deep** feeling is one that you feel very strongly, especially a feeling of love, disappointment, or sympathy: *I have always had a deep affection for your family.* | *The news came as a deep disappointment to us all.* | *Please accept our deepest sympathies.* (=used when someone has died) — **deeply** [adv] *He was deeply offended by their remarks.*

**fervent** /'fɜ:rvənt/ [adj usually before noun] very strong and sincere: *Despite her troubled life she has always had a fervent belief in God.* | **fervent admirer/supporter/believer etc** *Most of the people here are fervent supporters of self-determination.* — **fervently** [adv] *He will be remembered as a politician who fervently argued for what he believed in.*

**ardent** /'ɑ:rdənt/ [adj usually before noun] formal very strong and sincere: *He was a man of strong beliefs and had always given ardent support to the Reform cause.* | *Even his most ardent supporters disagreed with this move.* — **ardently** [adv] *She ardently believed that women should have the same rights as men and was determined to fight for this.*



# study

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **learn, subject, school/university, teach, test, read**

## 1 to study something at school, university etc

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| ▶ study    | ▶ minor in     |
| ▶ take     | ▶ take lessons |
| ▶ do       | ▶ read         |
| ▶ major in | ▶ place        |

**study** /'stʌdi/ [v I/T] to learn about a subject by reading books, going to classes etc: *It's difficult to study when the weather's so hot.* | *I've been studying English for six years now.* | *His parents sent him to Moscow to study physics, chemistry, and mathematics.* | *If you study hard, you'll be able to get into a good university.* | + **to be sth** *She's at business school, studying to be an accountant.* | + **under** (=receive lessons from a famous teacher) *Nicoll was himself a noted psychologist and studied under Jung in Zurich.*

**take** /teɪk/ [v T] to study a subject – use this to talk about subjects that you choose to study at school, college, university etc: *What classes are you taking next semester?* | *In my final year, I decided to take English, French, and economics.* | *All freshmen have to take at least one composition course.*

**do** /du:/ [v T] British informal to study a particular subject at school or university: *I can't decide whether to do German or Spanish next year.* | *Did you do computing at school?* | **do a course** *Why not do a language course at your local college?*

**major in** /'meɪdʒər ɪn/ [phr v T not in passive] American to study something as your main subject at a college or university: *What are you majoring in?* | *Diane majored in psychology at the University of Washington.*

**minor in** /'maɪnər ɪn/ [phr v T not in passive] American if you **minor** in a subject, it is the second most important subject you study at a college or university: *I'm planning to study computer science, but I still might minor in English.*

**take lessons** ALSO **have lessons** British /,teɪk 'les-ən-z, ,hæv 'lesən-z/ [v phrase] to pay for lessons from a teacher in order to study a subject or skill in your free time: *My mother wants me to take violin lessons.* | *I'm having Spanish lessons after work.* | + **in** *Students at the school can even take lessons in golf.*

**read** /ri:d/ [v T not in passive] British formal to study a subject at university: *Oliver is reading philosophy at Oxford.* | *She went on to read medicine at Edinburgh.*

**place** /pleɪs/ [n C] British an offer or opportunity to study as a student at a particular school, college, or university: *Studies show that students from wealthier backgrounds are more likely to be offered places at high-achieving schools.* | **have/get a place (at)** *Jenny has a place to study law at Exeter this year.* | *If I get a place at Manchester, I'll take it.*

## 2 to study to prepare for an examination

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| ▶ study  | ▶ swot       |
| ▶ revise | ▶ bone up on |
| ▶ cram   |              |

**study** /'stʌdi/ [v I/T] to learn the information you need to prepare yourself for a test or examination: *I'm going to spend the afternoon studying my notes.* | *The test is supposed to be hard – aren't you going to study at all?* | + **for** *He studied for the bar exam all year, and he still didn't pass.* | *I can't go to the movie tonight – I have a big test to study for.*

**revise** /rɪ'vaɪz/ [v I/T] British to read books, notes etc in order to prepare for an examination that you are going to take: *Ahmed's upstairs, revising.* | *What are you revising tonight?* | + **for** *The library was full of students revising for the final exams.*

**cram** /kræm/ [v I] informal to study very hard just before an examination, especially because you do not know enough: *You'll really have to cram if you want to pass the test.* | + **for** *Everyone's cramming for their final exams.*

**swot** /swɒt||swɔ:t/ [v I] British informal to study for an examination: *He's sure to pass – he's been swotting away for months.* | + **for** *I was too busy swotting for my exams to be much interested in girls.*

**bone up on** /,bəʊn 'ʌp ɒn/ [phr v T] informal to study a particular subject to prepare for a test or examination: *I've been boning up on my Latin for the entrance exam.*

## 3 to study something in order to discover new facts

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| ▶ study   | ▶ do/conduct research |
| ▶ analyse | ▶ research            |

**study** /'stʌdi/ [v T] to examine something carefully, do tests on it etc, in order to find out more about it and discover new facts: *She spent several years studying the behaviour of gorillas in Africa.* | *The discovery will be of great interest to scientists studying the origins of the universe.* | + **how/why/when etc** *NASA has used the space shuttle to study how materials perform in a weightless environment.*

**analyse** British /**analyze** American /'ænəl-aɪz/ [v T] to carefully examine information, reports, the results of tests etc, in order to understand something better: *We use a special computer program to analyse all the sales figures.* | *We will have to analyze the results of the survey before making any decisions.* — **analysis** /ə'neɪlɪsɪs/ [n C/U] *He's written a careful analysis of the drug problem in America.*

**do/conduct research** ALSO **carry out research** /du:, kən'dʌkt rɪ'sɜ:tʃ, ,kæri aʊt rɪ'sɜ:tʃ/ [v phrase] to study a subject in a careful, detailed way, in order to discover new information or produce new ideas about it: *Dr. Cooper is a surgeon who does research at Harvard University.* | *The organization's laboratories conduct advanced research in areas such as electronics, biotechnology, and engineering.* | + **into/on** *Baskin has made several trips to Nicaragua to carry out research on land distribution.*

**research** /rɪ'sɜ:tʃ/ [v I/T] to study a subject in a careful, detailed way, in order to discover new information or produce new ideas about it: *Vargas began researching his family's history 12 years ago.* | *It is important to research the market fully before offering a new product for sale.* | + **into** British *Doctors researching into the causes of the disease believe they may have found a cure.*



## 4 the work that you do when you study something

- ▶ sb's studies
- ▶ homework
- ▶ coursework
- ▶ revision
- ▶ study
- ▶ research

**sb's studies** / (sb's) 'stʌdiz/ [n plural] all the work that someone does when they are a student at school or university: *My uncle asked me how I was enjoying my studies.* | *James interrupted his studies to travel around Europe for a year.* | *She plans to continue her studies at Colgate in the fall.*

**homework** /'həʊmwɜ:k/ [n U] work that a school student is given to do during free time, not during lessons: *Don't you kids have any homework?* | *Mrs Burgess gives more homework than the other teachers.* | **do your homework** *Go to your room and do your math homework before you start watching TV.*

**coursework** /'kɔ:rsɜ:k/ [n U] all the work that a student has to do as part of a course of study, but not the examinations: *The diploma requires 30 hours of coursework.* | *Half of the marks are for the exam, and half are for coursework.*

**revision** /rɪ'vɪʒən/ [n U] British when you read books, notes etc in order to prepare for an examination that you are going to do: *How is your history revision going?* | **do revision** *I can't come out tonight – I've got a lot of revision to do.*

**study** /'stʌdi/ [n C] a piece of work, especially one that includes a written report, that involves studying a particular subject in order to find out more about it: *Recent studies have shown that women find it harder than men to give up smoking.* | **+ on** *Berne has published a review of studies on sex education programs in public schools.* | **+ of** *Our comparative study of political culture includes five democracies.* | **do/conduct/carry out a study** *We're doing a study into how much time people spend watching television each day.*

**research** /rɪ'sɜ:tʃ, 'ri:sɜ:tʃ/ [n U] careful, detailed work that you do in order to discover new information or produce new ideas about a particular subject: *Recent research has shown that human language is much older than we previously thought.* | **+ into** *More research is needed into the ways in which this virus is spread.* | **+ on** *He hopes that his book will inspire more research on alcoholism.* | **scientific/historical/clinical etc research** *There is no scientific research to back up the company's claims.* | **do/conduct/carry out research** *She's doing research into the connection between crime and poverty.* | *Many of the questions can be answered without carrying out any new research.*

## 5 a student

- ▶ student
- ▶ pupil
- ▶ learner
- ▶ schoolboy/schoolgirl/schoolchild
- ▶ schoolkid
- ▶ undergraduate
- ▶ English/history etc major
- ▶ postgraduate

**student** /'stju:dənt||'stu:-/ [n C] someone who is studying at school, university etc: *We would welcome suggestions from both teachers and students.* | *Student leaders had organized a sit-in to protest against the war.* | **high school/college etc student** *The study found that drug use among high school students is rising.* | **English/engineering/business etc student** *Seventy percent of the university's business students*

*have job offers by graduation.* | **+ of** *Wiggins was a student of theology for many years before leaving the seminary.* | **student days** (=the time when you were a student) *Mira hadn't seen Brad since their student days at the University of Wisconsin.*

**pupil** /'pju:pəl/ [n C] especially British a child who studies at a school: *The school has over 700 pupils.* | *The new law reduces the number of pupils per class in the first four years of schooling.*

**learner** /'lɜ:nə/ [n C] someone who is learning about a particular subject – used especially by teachers and people talking about the needs of students: *A major aim of education is to improve learners' understanding of the world around them.* | *At the end of each chapter there is a series of exercises designed to help the learner.*

**schoolboy/schoolgirl/schoolchild** /'sku:l-bɔɪ, 'sku:lɡɜ:l, 'sku:ltʃaɪld/ [n C] especially British a child who studies at a school: *He was quickly surrounded by schoolgirls asking for his autograph.* | *Only 10% of British schoolchildren attend private schools.*

**schoolkid** /'sku:lkɪd/ [n C] informal a child who studies at a school: *I was just a schoolkid – I didn't know anything about poetry or literature.* | *They were standing outside giggling away like a couple of naughty schoolkids.*

**undergraduate** /ˌʌndə'grædʒuət/ [n C] someone who is studying at a university in order to get their first degree: *They met when they were undergraduates at Cambridge.* | *The loans, which are based on financial need, are limited to \$3000 for undergraduates.* — **undergraduate** [adj] *This textbook is primarily intended for undergraduate students of history.*

**English/history etc major** /ˌɪŋɡlɪʃ 'meɪdʒər/ [n C] American someone who is studying English, history etc as their main subject at a college or university: *Her boyfriend was a political science major at Berkeley.* | *I was a biology major in college, but I've forgotten almost everything I learned.*

**postgraduate** British / **graduate student** American /ˌpəʊst'grædʒuət, 'grædʒuət 'stju:dənt||-stu:-/ [n C] someone who is studying for a higher degree after their first degree: *About half the graduate students in the program come from overseas.* | *He has three postgraduates helping him with his research.* — **postgraduate** especially British **graduate** American [adj only before noun] *Most of the people in the department hold postgraduate degrees.*

## stupid/silly

### WHAT'S HERE

- **not sensible** see **1 to 4**
- **not intelligent** see **5 to 6**

## not sensible

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **sensible**  
▶ see also **crazy, risk**

## 1 stupid behaviour, actions, ideas etc

- ▶ stupid
- ▶ dumb
- ▶ silly
- ▶ daft
- ▶ foolish
- ▶ ill-advised
- ▶ unwise
- ▶ irrational



**stupid** /'stju:pɪd/ [adj] someone who is **stupid** or does **stupid** things does things that are not at all sensible and may have bad results: *You stupid boy! I've told you not to play with matches!* | *Withdraw the police from the area? I've never heard such a stupid idea!* | *Well, if you're stupid enough to skate on the lake, you deserve to fall in.* | *Don't you call me a stupid idiot!* | **+ to do sth** *You'd have to be stupid not to take advantage of a great offer like this!* | **do sth stupid** *I was very drunk last night – I hope I didn't do anything stupid.* | **it is stupid (of sb) to do sth** *It was stupid of me to believe her of course, but I did.* | **a stupid thing to say/do** *That was a stupid thing to say.* | *I didn't say you were stupid, I said it was a stupid thing to do.* — **stupidly** [adv] *Stupidly, I agreed to lend him some money.* | *I'm sorry I reacted so stupidly.*

**dumb** /dʌm/ [adj] especially American, spoken stupid: *She's always asking such dumb questions.* | *She told him Jeff was just a friend, and he was dumb enough to believe her.* | *Oh, I just did the dumbest thing back there, I forgot my briefcase.*

**silly** /'sɪli/ [adj] someone who is **silly** or who says **silly** things does or says things that are not sensible or serious, and that may make them feel embarrassed later: *Now don't be silly, get up off the floor.* | *You've made a lot of silly mistakes in this essay.* | *I have a question which might sound a bit silly.* | **it is silly to do sth** *I think you're silly to worry so much about your hair.* | **it is silly of sb** *That was silly of me – I just locked the trunk and the keys are inside.* | **silly little** *You're just a silly little boy.* | **a silly thing to do/say** *I had locked myself out, which was a silly thing to do.*

**daft** /dɑ:ft/ [adj] British informal stupid in what you do or say, but often in a way that is also amusing: *Is this another of your daft ideas?* | *Don't be daft! Of course you're not too old to go clubbing.* | *Well, what's the daftest thing you've ever done at work?* | **daft thing to do/say** *What a daft thing to say!* | **daft as a brush** (=used to say that someone is very daft) *She's as daft as a brush, honestly she is.*

**foolish** /'fu:liʃ/ [adj] formal stupid and not thinking sensibly about the possible results of what you do: *Jan realised later that her behaviour had been very foolish.* | *I think the board of directors made a foolish choice that it will later regret.* | **it is foolish (of sb) to do sth** *It was a warning she would have been foolish to ignore.* — **foolishly** [adv] *I had just \$7 left, and foolishly squandered \$5 in the bar that night.*

**ill-advised** /ɪl əd'vaɪzd/ [adj] formal an action or plan that is **ill-advised** is stupid because it will probably cause problems in the future or be unsuccessful: *In an ill-advised effort to improve matters, they sent him to boarding school.* | *The bank claims that the company's losses are the result of an ill-advised decision to declare bankruptcy.*

**unwise** /ʌn'waɪz/ [adj] done without thinking carefully enough about the possible disadvantages that may result: *She knew the marriage was unwise, but she wanted a husband and a family.* | *A Defence Department spokesman described the comments as 'extraordinarily unwise'.* | *His appointment as chief executive proved to be a very unwise decision.* | *It's unwise to travel alone in certain parts of the city, so always take a cab.* — **unwisely** [adv] *Perhaps unwisely, the President apologised for the tax raise.*

**irrational** /ɪ'ræʃənəl/ [adj] **irrational** actions, feelings, or beliefs are not based on clear thinking or sensible reasons, so they are strange or hard to understand: *If Dane drinks even a couple of beers, he becomes irrational and even violent.* | *Jane's irrational hopes began to rise as she listened to him.* |

**irrational fear of/about sth** *an irrational fear of flying* — **irrationally** [adv] *The man was causing a disturbance and acting irrationally.*

## 2 very stupid

- ▶ crazy
- ▶ ridiculous/absurd
- ▶ ludicrous
- ▶ laughable
- ▶ idiotic
- ▶ hare-brained
- ▶ inane

**crazy** /'kreɪzi/ [adj] not at all sensible or reasonable, especially in an annoying or shocking way: *I said I enjoyed doing exams, and she looked at me as if I was crazy!* | *Ian's got some crazy plan to drive all the way across Africa.* | *The farmers can make more money by not planting crops – it's crazy, isn't it?* | *You're crazy to think of hitch-hiking on your own.*

**ridiculous/absurd** /rɪ'dɪkjʊləs, əb'sɜ:rd/ [adj] something that is **ridiculous** or **absurd** is so stupid that you can hardly believe that it has been done, said etc: *I've never heard anything so ridiculous!* | *Of course I haven't been trying to avoid you!* | *an absurd suggestion* | *This is ridiculous.* | *You've only known him three days, and you're going on holiday with him!* | *It's absurd to think Porter flew into a murderous rage just because he had an argument with his girlfriend.* | **patently ridiculous/absurd** (=used to emphasize that something is very ridiculous indeed) *This patently absurd argument is often used by anti-gay groups.*

**ludicrous** /'lu:dɪkrəs/ [adj] completely unreasonable or unsuitable: *The telephone lines are only open during office hours, which is ludicrous in this day and age.* | *She wears short skirts and dyes her hair pink, which looks ludicrous on a woman her age.*

**laughable** /'lɑ:fəbəl/ [adj] so stupid and unbelievable that it makes you want to laugh: *The government's attempt to privatize the prison service has been simply laughable.* | *It would be laughable if it wasn't so serious.*

**idiotic** /ɪdɪ'ɒtɪk/ [adj] very stupid and likely to involve unnecessary risks and dangers: *Wyatt was nearly killed as a result of that idiotic stunt.* | *If that wasn't idiotic enough, the company went on to sack fifty percent of its skilled workers, replacing them with untrained apprentices.*

**hare-brained** /'heər breɪnd/ [adj] usually before noun **hare-brained scheme/plan etc** a plan that is very stupid and cannot possibly be successful: *Alice had to figure out how to pay the rent after Ralph spent the money on another of his hare-brained schemes.*

**inane** /ɪ'neɪn/ [adj] **inane remark/comment/conversation etc** stupid and completely meaningless: *Penny began an inane conversation about the book she was reading to fill the silence.* | *Bad acting, weak script and inane dialogue – this movie is truly awful.*

## 3 stupid and childish

- ▶ childish
- ▶ immature
- ▶ juvenile

**childish** /'tʃaɪldɪʃ/ [adj] someone who is **childish** annoys you by being unreasonable and unhelpful, or by complaining and being rude, as if they were a small child: *He said he wouldn't go out with us if Jerry was going too – he's so childish!* | *You know how childish he can be.* | *I'd like you to explain your childish behaviour.* — **childishly** [adv] *We both agreed we'd behaved childishly, and buried the hatchet by going to lunch together.*



**immature** /ˌɪməˈtʃʊər-ˈtʊər/ [adj] someone who is immature behaves as if they were younger than they really are, so they are not as sensible or responsible as you expect them to be: *We were silly, immature teenagers, and we didn't know any better.* | *I was 19 when I went to college, but still very immature.* | *These kids are brilliant, but often socially immature.*

**juvenile** /ˈdʒuːvənəl-nəl, -nail/ [adj] someone who is juvenile, especially a young adult, behaves in a very silly way like a child, when they should be more sensible: *Some of the boys tried to involve me in their juvenile pranks, but I wasn't interested.* | *You wouldn't think that college students could be so juvenile.*

## 4 a stupid person

- ▶ idiot/fool
- ▶ wally
- ▶ jerk
- ▶ goof/goof ball
- ▶ dope
- ▶ dork

**idiot/fool** /ˈɪdiət, fu:l/ [n C] someone who does something very stupid or embarrassing: *You lost the tickets? How could you be such an idiot?* | *Anyone who tells you any different is either a fool or a liar.* | *Some idiot in a fast car is trying to overtake.* | *If you believe that, you're a bigger fool than I thought.* | *She was an idiot to drink so much on an empty stomach.* | **make a fool of yourself** (=do something that makes you seem very stupid) *It's increasingly common for the losers to go out kicking and screaming, and generally making fools of themselves.*

**wally** /ˈwɒliˈwɑː-/ [n C] British informal someone who behaves in a stupid and annoying way: *Look at those wallies jumping around and pulling faces behind the TV reporter.* | *You look like a right wally in that hat.*

**jerk** /dʒɜːrk/ [n C] especially American someone who is a little stupid and annoying, and who does not care if they upset or hurt other people: *Some jerk just drove right into the back of my car.* | *I liked the job, but the manager was a jerk.* | *Ow! You jerk, that hurt!* | **total/real jerk** *She seems to always end up in a relationship with some total jerk.*

**goof/goof ball** /guːf, ˈguːf bɔ:l/ [n C] American informal someone who is stupid and embarrassing: *He's such a goof. I don't know what she sees in him.* | *He always acts like a real goof after a couple of glasses of wine.* | *Oh Mike's okay, he's just a bit of a goof ball.*

**dope** /dəʊp/ [n C] American informal someone who is stupid and does not think about what they say or do: *I'm sorry I was such a dope last night.* | *Oh you dope, you bought the wrong one.*

**dork** /dɔːrk/ [n C] especially American, informal someone who you think is stupid and strange because they behave strangely or wear strange clothes: *I look like a real dork in this uniform.* | *Millions of listeners heard him call his production assistant a 'dork' live on air.*

## not intelligent

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: **intelligent**  
▶ to talk to someone as if they were stupid *see talk 11*

## 5 not intelligent

- ▶ not very bright/intelligent/clever/smart
- ▶ stupid
- ▶ dumb
- ▶ thick
- ▶ dim
- ▶ brainless
- ▶ gormless
- ▶ unintelligent

## not very bright/intelligent/clever/smart

**ALSO not too bright/intelligent/clever/smart** /ˌnɒt veri ˈbraɪt, ɪnˈtelɪdʒənt, ˈkleɪvər, ˈsmɑːrt, ˌnɒt tuː ˈbraɪt, ɪnˈtelɪdʒənt, ˈkleɪvər, ˈsmɑːrt/ [adj] someone who is not very bright/intelligent/clever/smart is unable to learn and understand things quickly and easily: *Sometimes I think Sheila just isn't very bright.* | *Saja may be handsome, but he's not too smart.* | *Franco works hard but he isn't really very intelligent.* | *He treated me like a young and not very clever child.*

**stupid** /ˈstjuːpɪdˈstuː-/ [adj] not at all intelligent: *She talks to us as if we're completely stupid.* | *Poor Larry's too stupid to realize when you're making fun of him.* | *It's only stupid people who believe in all that astrology mumbo-jumbo.*

**dumb** /dʌm/ [adj] especially American, spoken not at all intelligent: *The athletic guys were seen as 'cute but dumb'.* | *You're so dumb, Clarissa!* | *If we look dumb enough, someone's bound to come and help us out.*

**thick** /θɪk/ [adj] British informal not at all intelligent: *He's a nice boy, but he's a bit thick, isn't he?* | *Not wishing to appear thick, but what exactly are you doing?* | **as thick as two short planks** (=very stupid) *Some of the students they let in these days are as thick as two short planks.*

**dim** /dɪm/ [adj] informal unintelligent and very slow to learn: *She's not the brightest kid in the class – in fact, she's quite dim.* | *I'm playing a guy who's well-meaning but kind of dim.*

**brainless** /ˈbreɪnləs/ [adj] informal completely stupid: *My sister's latest boyfriend is pretty brainless; it's impossible to have a conversation with him.* | *'You brainless scum!' he shouted after the departing boys.*

**gormless** /ˈɡɔːrmləs/ [adj] British informal very stupid – use this especially to describe someone who looks stupid or who never has their own ideas: *He just sat there with his mouth open looking really gormless.* | *a grinning, gormless boy*

**unintelligent** /ˌʌnɪnˈtelɪdʒənt-/ [adj] formal not as intelligent as most people: *It would be a mistake to assume that all football players are unintelligent.* | *He may not be as bright as his sister, but he's far from unintelligent.*

## 6 someone who is not intelligent

- ▶ idiot
- ▶ bimbo
- ▶ airhead
- ▶ moron

**idiot** /ˈɪdiət/ [n C] *Whenever I phone the bank I get through to some idiot who sounds about twelve years old.* | *Stop treating me like an idiot – I can count you know!*

**bimbo** /ˈbɪmbəʊ/ [n C] informal a young woman who is attractive but not very intelligent, especially one who spends time with rich and famous people: *Backstage, Paul was surrounded by bimbos in short skirts just waiting for him to notice them.* | *She plays an apparent bimbo who manages to outwit her boss.*

**airhead** /ˈeəˌhed/ [n C] informal a very stupid person: *He treats his women staff as if they're all airheads.* | *Then some overpaid TV airhead starts telling us how wonderful her producer is.*

**moron** /ˈmɔːrɒn-rɑːn/ [n C] an offensive word meaning a very stupid person: *What do you think I am, a complete moron?* | *Most media companies assume members of the general public are morons.* —**moronic** /məˈrɒnɪk-rɑː-/ [adj] *There was one member of the newsgroup who kept emailing me with moronic questions.*



# style/elegance

when something is attractive, skilful, fashionable etc

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ the way you do something *see* **way**
- ▶ *see also* **fashionable/not fashionable, beautiful, well-dressed, taste in clothes, music etc, suit/look good together**

## 1 style/elegance

- ▶ **style**
- ▶ **elegance**
- ▶ **sophistication**
- ▶ **flair**
- ▶ **panache**

**style** /stɑɪl/ [n U] *What she lacked in looks she made up for with her sensational style.* | *It does not really have the style and elegance of other luxury hotels.* | **with style** *If you want a cellphone with style, this is the one for you.* | **do sth in style** *The Thompsons always entertain in style.* | **go out in style** (=to finish something in a way that people admire) *Whitaker went out in style, beating Pernell comfortably.*

**elegance** /'elɪɡəns/ [n U] an attractive and graceful appearance or way of doing something, that is often simple but expensive: *Marlene Dietrich was once the symbol of glamour and elegance.* | *buildings that reflect the elegance of a bygone era*

**sophistication** /səˌfɪstɪˈkeɪʃən/ [n U] a style that is based on confidence and wealth, and that shows an intelligent judgement about what is artistic and fashionable: *The capital city was once known as the centre of European culture and sophistication.* | *She was acutely aware of her own lack of sophistication.*

**flair** /fleər/ [n singular/U] a natural ability to do things in interesting and original ways: *As a player he had a lot of flair, but it didn't help him win.* | *a combination of British practicality and French flair* | **with flair** *The room's interior was designed with taste and flair.*

**panache** /pəˈnæʃ, pæ-/ [n U] a confident artistic manner that makes even the simple things you do seem interesting or exciting **with panache** *She wore her clothes with typical Italian panache.* | **have panache** *The performance didn't have the panache you expect from a chart-topping rock band.*

## 2 having a lot of style or elegance

- ▶ **stylish**
- ▶ **elegant**
- ▶ **sophisticated**
- ▶ **classy**

**stylish** /'stɑɪlɪʃ/ [adj] *The room was full of stylish furniture and expensive paintings.* | *She was a stylish woman, always dressed to suit the occasion.* — **stylishly** [adv] *The apartments are stylishly decorated and furnished, and all have sea views.*

**elegant** /'elɪɡənt/ [adj] having an attractive and graceful appearance or way of moving, dressing etc, often in a way that is expensive: *The house was elegant and well kept.* | *Vienna is a city of grand public buildings and elegant private ones.* | *The elegant figure of Mr Reed appeared in the doorway.* — **elegantly** [adv] *You can tell she used to be a dancer, she moves so elegantly.*

**sophisticated** /səˌfɪstɪˈkeɪtɪd/ [adj] having a confident and expensive appearance, and showing good judgement about what is artistic and fashionable:

*She was glamorous and sophisticated, but seemed a little lonely.* | *Nothing beats black for the classic sophisticated look.* | **suave and sophisticated** *The suave, sophisticated 60-year-old singer is still performing and drawing crowds.*

**classy** /'klɑːsi/ [adj] informal attractively and expensively dressed, decorated, or prepared: *Their wedding was a very classy affair.* | *a classy restaurant* | *She's smart, witty, and classy.*

# subject

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ an area of knowledge *see* **area (9)**
- ▶ *see also* **discuss, study, teach, learn, school/university, about, test, grade**

## 1 something you talk about, write about etc

- ▶ **subject**
- ▶ **subject matter**
- ▶ **topic**
- ▶ **thing**
- ▶ **issue**
- ▶ **question**
- ▶ **matter**
- ▶ **theme**
- ▶ **business**
- ▶ **any other business**

**subject** /'sʌbdʒɪkt/ [n C] something that is talked about or written about, for example at a meeting, in an article, or in a conversation: *I read a lot of books about astronomy. It's a very interesting subject.* | *We talked about all sorts of subjects.* | *Bottle-collecting even has a website devoted to the subject.* | **the subject of crime/politics/animal rights etc** (=crime etc as a subject) *Until about 20 years ago, the subject of the environment was hardly discussed.* | **on the subject (of sth)** (=about a particular subject) *The first book on the subject was published in 1900.* | *He has very little to say on the subject of the accusations made against him.* | **change the subject** (=start talking about something different) *I could see John was embarrassed, so I changed the subject.* | **drop the subject** (=to stop talking about something) *This is getting us nowhere. Let's just drop the subject, okay?*

**subject matter** /'sʌbdʒɪkt mətər/ [n U] what is being talked about, or what a film, book, play etc is about: *There has been no attempt to arrange the books according to subject matter.* | *Sagan published a book relating to the subject matter in his TV show.* | *'The People versus Larry Flynt' was given an '18' certificate because it contains adult subject matter.*

**topic** /'tɒpɪk/ [n C] a subject that people often discuss or write about, in books, newspapers, at school etc: *The rise of Islam is a popular topic these days.* | *Type the topic into the search field, and let the browser search all relevant sites.* | *Dole's absence was the topic of radio talk shows.*

**thing** /θɪŋ/ [n C] especially spoken something that people talk about or think about: *The first thing we have to discuss is the price.* | *The only thing she ever talks about is her boyfriend.* | *We talked about the old days and other things.*

**issue** /'ɪʃuː, 'ɪʃjuː/ [n C] an important subject that people discuss and argue about: *We'll be looking at a broad range of important issues in this chapter.* | *Genetic manipulation is a fairly topical issue these days.* | *a book dealing with environmental issues* | **+ of the issue of drugs in sports** | **major/big/key/main issue** (=a very important issue) *Global warming and youth crime are the key issues in the election campaign.*



**question** /'kwestʃən/ [n C] a difficult subject or problem that has often been discussed but still needs to be solved: *The real question here is how can we integrate asylum seekers into communities.* | *How can we best help less developed countries? That's the really important question.* | + of *In the 1980s the question of whether photography was an art went to court.* | **raise a question** (=make people consider a problem) *These operations can save lives, but they raise difficult questions about animal rights.*

**matter** /'mætər/ [n C] a subject that people disagree about or are concerned about, and that needs to be considered and discussed in order to deal with it: *The matter is being argued and discussed in families up and down the country.* | *Foreign affairs were not the only matters we discussed.* | *This meeting is being held to deal with the serious matter of possible racism in our hiring practices.* | + of *The first item on the agenda today is the matter of public transportation.*

**theme** /θi:m/ [n C] an important idea that appears several times in a book, film etc, and slowly influences the way it develops: *One of the themes of the book is the relationship between people and nature.* | *George Eliot shows real concern for religious and moral themes.* | *The play's central theme is greed and its corrupting effects.*

**business** /'biznɪs/ [n U] something that needs to be discussed at a **business** or political meeting: *Right, could we get started please? We've a lot of business to get through this morning.*

**any other business** /,eni ʌðər 'biznɪs/ British in a meeting, subjects that are not on the list of things to discuss, but that people may want to talk about: *Is there any other business before we close the meeting?*

## 2 a part of a subject that is being discussed or written about

- ▶ point
- ▶ aspect

**point** /pɔɪnt/ [n C] a fact, suggestion, detail etc that is part of a subject being considered, discussed, or written about: *There are a number of other points to be discussed before we finish.* | *The final point in the President's speech was the most controversial.* | *Make a list of the main points in the article.* | **make a point** (=get someone to understand your suggestion, argument etc) *Exactly what point are you trying to make, Nick?*

**aspect** /'æspekt/ [n C] one part of a subject, problem, etc or one particular way of considering the subject: *Women are interested in the car's technological aspects just as much as men are.* | + of *We're focused on the financial, rather than social, aspects of the problem.* | *This book deals with the economic, social, and religious aspects of Egyptian society.*

## 3 a subject that you study at school or university

- ▶ subject
- ▶ major
- ▶ discipline
- ▶ field

**subject** /'sʌbdʒɪkt/ [n C] one of the things that you study at school or university, for example English, history, or mathematics: *English was my favourite subject at school.* | *What subjects are you studying?*

**major** /'meɪdʒər/ [n C] American the main subject that you study at university: *'What was your major?' 'Political Science'.* — **major in math/humanities** etc /,meɪdʒər ɪn 'mæθ/ [phr v T] to study mathematics

etc as your main subject: *I don't think he majored in maths, I think it was applied physics.*

**discipline** /'dɪsɪplɪn/ [n C] one of the areas of knowledge such as history, chemistry, economics etc that is studied and taught at a university: *The traditional academic disciplines are less popular among students, who now prefer subjects such as business studies.* | *a new artificial intelligence project involving researchers from a wide range of disciplines*

**field** /fi:ld/ [n C] an area of knowledge that is studied by scientists or by people studying it at a very high level, for example in a university: *These fields boast among the highest professional wages in the nation.* | **in the/his/her etc field** *Cole is the most noted expert in the field.* | *Webster is a great success in his chosen field.* | **field of work/study/research** etc *What exactly is your field of study?*

## 4 all of the subjects that you study as part of your work at school or university

- ▶ course
- ▶ syllabus
- ▶ curriculum

**course** ALSO **class** American /kɔ:rs, kla:s||klæs/ [n C] a series of lessons on a subject, often with an examination at the end: *Are you enjoying the course?* | *a schedule of the classes for the fall semester* | *The college is offering three basic computer courses this year.* | + in/on *She began a 12 week course on modern art.* | **take a course/class** ALSO **do a course** British *She's taking a class in art history.* | *I've decided to do a course in aromatherapy.*

**syllabus** /'sɪləbəs/ [n C] a plan that states exactly what should be taught to students who are studying a subject, especially a list of what they may be tested on in their examinations: *The summer term was very short and the teacher didn't manage to cover the whole syllabus.* | *the first-year syllabus* | **be on the syllabus** (=be part of the syllabus) *We have to study algebra – it's on the syllabus for the course.*

**curriculum** /kə'rɪkjʊləm/ [n C] the range of subjects that has been officially chosen to be taught at a school or at all schools in a country: *Are politicians the best people to be developing the educational curriculum?* | *changes to the school curriculum* | *We cover the curriculum by choosing things the kids will be interested in.*

## 5 to start talking about a subject

- ▶ get onto

**get onto** /get 'ɒntu/ [phr v T] **get onto the subject/topic/question** of to start talking about a subject after talking about something else that is connected to it in some way: *How on earth did we get onto the subject of dogs?* | *Whenever Ma got onto that subject, my head would start to spin.*

## 6 to talk about the subject you are supposed to be talking about

- ▶ get/come to the point
- ▶ stick to the point
- ▶ to the point

**get/come to the point** /,get, ,kʌm tə ðə 'pɔɪnt/ [v phrase] to start talking about the subject you are supposed to be talking about or really want to talk about, especially after you have been talking about



something else: *He chatted about the weather for a while before coming to the point.* | 'We know that already,' interrupted Steve impatiently. 'Get to the point'. | **get/come straight/right to the point** (=get immediately to the point) *She came straight to the point. 'When do you think you'll be able to pay me back?'* | Well, gentlemen, let's get right to the point.

### **stick to the point** ALSO **keep to the point**

British /ˌstɪk tə ðə 'pɔɪnt, ˌkiːp tə ðə 'pɔɪnt/ [v phrase] to continue talking only about the subject you are supposed to be talking about, and not talk about things that are not connected with it: *Can we try, please, to stick to the point – we don't have much time.* | *Mike seems to be quite incapable of keeping to the point.*

**to the point** /tə ðə 'pɔɪnt/ [adj phrase] something that someone says or writes that is **to the point** is only about the subject they are supposed to be talking about, and not about anything else: *The chairman's speech was short and to the point.* | *Korean newspapers only have four pages, so stories have to be very much to the point.*

## 7 to stop talking about the subject you are supposed to be talking about

- ▶ **get off the subject**
- ▶ **digress**
- ▶ **be/get sidetracked**
- ▶ **stray from**
- ▶ **ramble**
- ▶ **lose your train of thought**
- ▶ **where was I?**

### **get off the subject** ALSO **go off the subject**

British /get ɒf ðə 'sʌbdʒɪkt, ɡəʊ ɒf ðə 'sʌbdʒɪkt/ [v phrase] *I think we're getting off the subject. Could we get back to the main point, please?* | *Well, going off the subject a minute, what about that Uri Geller chap?*

**digress** /dar'ɡres/ [v I] formal to move away from the main subject that you have been talking or writing about, especially for a short time during a speech or story: *Before we do that, I'd like to digress for a minute and say a word or two about the new books.* — **digression** /dar'ɡrefʃən/ [n C] *This is a slight digression, but can I make a point here?*

**be/get sidetracked** /biː, get 'saɪdtrækt/ [v phrase] if you are talking about something and **are sidetracked** or **get sidetracked**, you allow yourself to start talking or thinking about something else, especially something less important: *I was going to ask him, but he got sidetracked by this guy and I never got a chance.* | *Don't be sidetracked by the way the interviewer asks the questions – just keep making the relevant points.*

**stray from** /'streɪ frɒm/ [phr v T] if you **stray from** the subject you are talking about, you start talking about other things instead, for example, because you cannot keep your attention on the main subject: *Promise yourself that you'll try not to stray from the issue at hand.* | *Well, we've strayed quite a way from space exploration.*

**ramble** /'ræmbəl/ [v I] to talk, especially for a long time, moving from one subject to another without any clear order, so that your listener becomes bored or confused: *In his diary, the Unabomber rambled at length about the evils of technology.* | **ramble on** (=ramble continuously and in an annoying way) *I sat down and let him ramble on for a few minutes.* — **rambling** [adj] *Without a teleprompter, his speeches are long and rambling.* | *a rambling, 20-minute monologue*

**lose your train of thought** ALSO **lose the thread** /ˌluːz jɔːr 'treɪn əv 'θɔːt, ˌluːz ðə 'θred/

[v phrase] to become confused about or forget the connection between the things you are saying, especially so that you have to stop talking and think about what you want to say next: *The audience's reaction surprised him, and he lost his train of thought for a moment.* | *I'm sorry, I seem to have lost my thread.* | **lose the thread of sth** *Arthur paused, feeling he was beginning to lose the thread of his argument.*

**where was I?** /weər 'wɒz aɪ- 'waːz-/ spoken say this when you want to continue what you were saying before you were interrupted, but you cannot remember what you were saying: *Thanks for that, Gillian. Now, where was I?* | *So, where was I? Oh yes, the accession of Henry the Fifth.*

# succeed/successful

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## to succeed in doing sth

### 1 to succeed in doing something

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| ▶ <b>succeed</b>                | <b>limited success</b> |
| ▶ <b>manage</b>                 | ▶ <b>make progress</b> |
| ▶ <b>be successful</b>          | ▶ <b>achieve</b>       |
| ▶ <b>have some success/have</b> | ▶ <b>accomplish</b>    |
|                                 | ▶ <b>get results</b>   |

**succeed** /sək'siːd/ [v I not in progressive] to do something that you hoped to do, tried to do, or wanted to do: *She wanted to be the first woman to climb Mount Everest and she almost succeeded.* | *I tried to reassure Billy's mother that it was a passing phase, but I don't think I succeeded.* | *Muir succeeds where other designers have failed – her clothes are original, yet stylish.* | **+ in doing sth** *In one year, we've succeeded in increasing profits by 40%.* | **+ at** *I admired Goldie, because she had succeeded at a task that had even defeated my mother.*

**manage** /'mænɪdʒ/ [v I/T not in progressive] to succeed in doing something difficult after trying very hard, especially when you almost do not succeed: *Martin still hasn't got his invalidity pension sorted out, but he's managing all right at the moment.* | *If you hadn't have been here, I don't think I would have managed.* | *I don't know how he managed it, but the crisis is over.* | *Can you manage that door Mike? It looks awfully heavy.* | **+ to do sth** *He finally managed to find an apartment near his office.* | *At least three hostages managed to escape.* | **manage with/without sth** *Well, I suppose we could just about manage without electricity for the night.*



**be successful** /biː sək'sesfəl/ [v phrase] to succeed in doing something, especially something that needs a lot of work or effort such as passing a test or getting a job: *Does Joey have a realistic chance of being successful at the audition?* | **+ in doing sth** *If I'm successful in raising over £500, those funds will go to the Bible School.* — **successfully** [adv] *Mr Malik has successfully completed the advanced course in Business Management.*

**have some success/have limited success** /hæv ,səm sək'ses, hæv ,lɪmɪtɪd sək'ses/ [v phrase] to be fairly successful in doing something, or to achieve part of what you wanted to achieve: *Our aim was to disrupt the enemy's transport network and we had some success.* | *If we only have some success in reducing the number infected with HIV, I feel it will have been worthwhile.* | **+ in doing sth** *The Santa Barbara seismic research team has had some success in predicting earthquakes.*

**make progress** /meɪk 'prəʊgres/-'prɑː-/ [v phrase] to gradually start to achieve something that you want to achieve, by working hard: *I'm not very good at Japanese yet, but I feel I am making progress.* | *We have made very great progress in reducing the number of deaths on our roads.* | **+ with/towards/on** *At last I began to make some progress with my research.* | **+ in doing sth** *BEA has made good progress in implementing the new health and safety regulations.*

**achieve** /ə'tʃiːv/ [v T] to succeed in doing something important, especially something that other people will admire you for: *She's achieved a lot in the short time she's been with the company.* | *The reason I achieve good results is because I work hard – and so could you.* | *When you get your MA, you really feel that you've achieved something.* | *He had achieved all his goals for the organization, and felt there were no challenges left there for him.*

**accomplish** /ə'kʌmplɪʃ/ə'kɑːm-, ə'kʌm-/ [v T] to succeed in doing or finishing something good that you have planned to do, after trying hard for a long time: *What exactly do you hope to accomplish this year?* | *She found the job frustrating, and felt she wasn't accomplishing anything there.*

**get results** /,get rɪ'zʌltz/ [v phrase] if you get results, you achieve what you are trying to do: *It was three or four years before we really started getting results.* | *This shows that if we devote sufficient energy and resources to a problem, we get results.* | *As I manager, I pride myself on getting results.*

## 2 to succeed in doing something difficult

- ▶ make it
- ▶ get there
- ▶ do it
- ▶ pull off/bring off/carry off
- ▶ turn up trumps/come up trumps

**make it** /'meɪk ɪt/ [v phrase not in progressive] especially spoken to succeed in doing something that is difficult or that seems impossible: *Gina has her driving test today. I hope she makes it.* | *He went out for it, he played hard, and he made it.* | *Jody thinks only three teams will make it to the final.* | *Did Margaret make it home the other night?* | *Will he make it out alive?*

**get there** /'get ðeə/ [v phrase] especially spoken to succeed in doing something, especially after a lot of effort over a long period of time: *I aim to have my own company by the time I'm thirty, but sometimes I wonder if I'll ever get there.* | *Anna found the coursework*

*hard, but knew she'd get there in the end.* | *I knew we'd get there eventually, it was just a question of when.*

**do it** /'duː ɪt/ [v phrase not in progressive] especially spoken to succeed in doing something, especially something difficult or something that needs a lot of effort: *We did it! We won the cup!* | *You did it! Congratulations!*

**pull off/bring off/carry off** /,pʊl 'ɒf, ,brɪŋ 'ɒf, ,kæri 'ɒf/ [phr v T] to manage to do something difficult, when other people did not think that you could succeed **pull/bring/carry off sth** *In the opening game, Italy pulled off a sensational 1-0 victory over Germany.* | *I think you need a really good sense of humour to carry off something like this.* | *We had a hard time bringing off the last conference we held here.* | **pull/bring/carry sth off** *I'd hardly cooked a proper meal for years, and I was wondering if I could still pull it off.* | *I doubt if we could have carried it off without your help.*

**turn up trumps/come up trumps** /,tɜːn ʌp 'trʌmps, ,kʌm ʌp 'trʌmps/ [v phrase not in progressive] informal if someone comes or turns up trumps, they succeed in doing something difficult or providing something that is needed, especially when this makes you feel pleased or grateful: *We were getting into serious difficulties, but Ron came up trumps again.* | *Well, I got three people interested in helping, so if they all turn up trumps, we should reach our target.*

## 3 when something has the result that you want it to have

- ▶ succeed
- ▶ successful
- ▶ work
- ▶ go well
- ▶ have some success
- ▶ come out right/turn out right
- ▶ come off
- ▶ pay off
- ▶ bear fruit
- ▶ fruitful

**succeed** /sək'sɪd/ [v I not in progressive] if something that you plan to do or try to do succeeds, you get the result that you hoped for: *Both sides could make these talks succeed by seeking a real and lasting peace.* | *As long as the financial crisis continues, economic reform cannot possibly succeed.* | **+ in doing sth** *None of the measures taken by the government have succeeded in reducing the spread of violent crime.*

**successful** /sək'sesfəl/ [adj] if something that you plan to do or try to do is successful you get the result that you hoped for: *If the treatment is successful, she could be back at school next month.* | *a small but successful program to boost the number of African-Americans getting into college* | **highly successful** (=very successful) *It was a highly successful campaign.* | **the most successful** *This has been Baltimore's most successful art show ever.* | **so successful** (... that) *The case of Thailand illustrates why family planning programs have been so successful in many countries.* | **prove successful** (=be successful) *The scheme was started in January 2000, and has proved largely successful.* — **successfully** [adv] *The film successfully combines a good story line with a serious political message.*

**work** /wɜːrk/ [v I] if a plan or method works, it produces the result that you want: *'I can't open this jar.'* *'Try putting it under hot water. That sometimes works.'* | *I think your treatment worked Arnie, my headache's gone.* | *The recipe works just as well if you cook the fish in a microwave.*

**go well** /,gəʊ 'wel/ [v phrase] if something goes well, such as a meeting, party, or performance, every-



thing happens in the way you wanted and there are no problems: *Ray met my parents for the first time this weekend, and it went really well.* | *The audition was OK, but it could have gone better I suppose.* | *Most people seem to think the party went well.* | + **for** *Good luck with the project, and I hope everything goes well for you.*

**have some success** /hæv ,səm sək'ses/ [v phrase] if a plan, method etc **has some success**, it is fairly successful: *The early warning system has had some success; for example Pacific coast residents get four hours notice of a potential earthquake.* | *Only in the late 1990s did efforts to reduce sectarian violence have some success.*

**come out right/turn out right** /,kəm aʊt 'raɪt, 'tʃ:ɪn aʊt 'raɪt/ [v phrase not usually in progressive] if something **comes out right** or **turns out right**, it succeeds in the end when it had seemed as though it would fail: *People enjoy romantic fiction because it offers a reassurance that things will always come out right.* | *Just when it looks as though everything will turn out right, tragedy strikes and Jenny dies of a fatal illness.* | **come out right in the end** *She's scared she'll fail her exams, but I think everything'll come out right in the end.*

**come off** /,kəm 'ɒf/ [phr v | not in progressive] if something that you arrange such as a party or trip **comes off**, it happens successfully even though there are problems in arranging it: *We had hoped to organize a trip to the theatre tonight, but it didn't come off.* | *Good try Tim. Shame it didn't quite come off.*

**pay off** /,peɪ 'ɒf/ [phr v |] if hard work, effort, a risk etc **pays off**, it has a successful result at a later time: *I think if you show a bit more consideration for other road users, you'll find it pays off.* | *We put a lot of hard work into local initiatives, and that's really starting to pay off now.*

**bear fruit** /,beə 'fru:t/ [v phrase] if a plan, idea, or action **bears fruit**, it has the successful result that it was intended to have, especially after a long period of time: *The campaign for debt relief will not bear fruit for another two or three years.* | *I hope you feel your involvement has been worthwhile and has borne fruit.*

**fruitful** /'fru:tʃəl/ [adj] a meeting, discussion etc that is **fruitful** is successful, useful, and produces good results: *So far, the investigation has not been very fruitful.* | *This was one of the most fruitful debates of the conference.* | *If the talks prove fruitful, the working groups will start bargaining in May.*

#### 4 when something happens without any problems at all

- ▶ go like clockwork
- ▶ go smoothly
- ▶ without a hitch
- ▶ go according to plan

**go like clockwork** /,gəʊ laɪk 'klɒkwɜ:k/-'klɑ:k-/ [v phrase] if something you have arranged such as an event or journey **goes like clockwork**, it happens in exactly the way that was planned, with no problems at all: *After all that fuss, everything went like clockwork. You should have seen it.* | *'Everything go all right?' 'Like clockwork.'* | *All through that summer, work on the farm went like clockwork.*

**go smoothly** /,gəʊ 'smu:ðli/ [v phrase] if a planned event, journey, piece of work etc **goes smoothly**, there are no problems to spoil it: *If all goes smoothly, elections are expected in May.* | *In rehearsal, everything went smoothly, even the difficult fight scenes.* | *My presentation went remarkably*

*smoothly, until one student asked an awkward question right at the end.*

**without a hitch** /wɪð aʊt ə 'hɪtʃ/ [adv] if a planned action or event happens **without a hitch**, it happens exactly as planned with no problems at all, even though some may have been expected: *The first phase of the operation was completed without a hitch.* | *TCI say they hope that approval will be granted for the takeover without a hitch.* | *Except for the priest forgetting the groom's middle name, the ceremony came off without a hitch.*

**go according to plan** /gəʊ ə,kɔ:'dɪŋ tə 'plæn/ [v phrase] if something that has been carefully planned **goes according to plan**, it happens in exactly the way you planned it would: *Development of our new computer system is going according to plan and it should be in operation by October.*

#### 5 something that you succeed in doing

- ▶ success
- ▶ achievement
- ▶ progress
- ▶ breakthrough
- ▶ accomplishment

**success** /sək'ses/ [n C/U] when someone or something is successful: *The president believed that his approach was the only one with any chance of success.* | *After her recent successes in Tokyo and New York, Bjork has returned to perform in England.* | *Auster was surprised at the success of his latest novel.* | *Critics have been astonished at the film's success.* | **be a success** *The concert was a great success.* | + **in** *Success in business depends on hard work, determination, and good ideas.* | **(a) big/huge/outstanding etc success** *Many first-class students go on to have even greater success.*

**achievement** /ə'tʃi:vmənt/ [n C] something important that you succeed in doing by your own efforts and that other people admire: *Winning three gold medals is a remarkable achievement.* | *They read about his achievements in the press, and were filled with pride.* | *He didn't realize until much later what a spectacular achievement his father made in getting his commission as an officer.* | *Todd always downplayed his athletic achievements.*

**progress** /'prəʊgres/'pra:-/ [n U] when you gradually get closer to the result you want to achieve: *We are very pleased with your son's progress at school.* | *a progress report* | + **in** *Progress in technology has changed people's lives dramatically.* | + **towards** *We are making steady progress towards equal status for men and women.* | **make progress** *Yes, we've made progress. But there's so much more to do.* | *The two sides are making some progress toward a compromise.*

**breakthrough** /'breɪkθru:/ [n C] an important discovery or achievement, especially one that happens suddenly after people have been trying for a long time: *This was an important breakthrough that had an enormous impact on the scientific community.* | + **in** *Scientists are claiming a major breakthrough in the treatment of AIDS.* | *The technique is being described as a breakthrough in the field of telemedicine.* | **make a breakthrough** *Police say they have made a breakthrough in their search for the killer of Diane Sutton.*

**accomplishment** /ə'kʌmplɪʃmənt/ə'kɑ:m-, ə'kʌm-/ [n C] something good that someone has succeeded in doing and that they are proud of doing: *The Society is giving a dinner for top businesswomen, to reward and recognize their accomplish-*



ments. | *The team's undefeated run this year is an outstanding accomplishment.* | *The establishment of full diplomatic relations with China was a major accomplishment of the Carter administration.*

## to be successful in your work or in business

### 6 to be successful in your work

- ▶ be successful
- ▶ do well
- ▶ get on/get ahead
- ▶ make it
- ▶ succeed
- ▶ rise to the top
- ▶ work your way up
- ▶ make your mark
- ▶ further/advance your career

▶ see also **ambitious**

**be successful** ALSO **be a success** /bi: sək-'sesfəl, bi: ə sək'ses/ [v phrase] to earn a lot of money or to become well known and respected, because you do your job very well: *Five years ago he started his own business and now he's very successful.* | *I'm glad we appointed Cyril – he's proved to be a great success.* | *In order to be successful as a dancer, you need flair and stamina.* | *He's leaving the company, despite having been a big success as marketing manager.* | *People who are successful in their careers have found out what they like and do well.*

**do well** /,du: 'wel/ [v phrase] to be successful in your job, especially because you work hard: *Gail seemed so anxious to do well, and she worked really hard.* | *When the players do well, I praise them – but there are no rewards for coming second.* | *Neither of the kids was doing well in school.* | *Most of his tutors expected him to do well at Harvard.* | *My friend left college and went into law, and he's doing very well for himself.*

**get on/get ahead** /,get 'ɒn, ,get ə'hed/ [phr v l] to be successful in your job, especially because you have a very strong desire to succeed: *The people who get on are the ones who create their own opportunities.* | *My father's experience taught me a memorable lesson in how to get ahead.* | **get on in life/the world** You may not like having to agree with everything the boss says, but often that's the way to get on in life. | *If you want to get ahead in this world, kid, never take 'no' for an answer.*

**make it** /'meɪk ɪt/ [v phrase not in progressive] informal to become successful, especially in the sports or entertainment business: *He was a talented football player and I knew he'd make it.* | *We've fought long and hard to get where we are, and we deserve to make it.* | **make it big** (=become very successful) *Many actors move to America, hoping to make it big in Hollywood.* | **make it on your own** (=without any help from anyone) *Get as much advice from colleagues as you can – it can be difficult trying to make it on your own.*

**succeed** /sək'si:d/ [v l not usually in progressive] to become successful in your job by doing it well and continuing to work at it for a fairly long time: *People who have had setbacks are often the ones who are really driven to succeed.* | *a strong desire to succeed* | **succeed as a teacher/actor/musician etc** *If you don't change your attitude, you will never succeed as a manager in this firm.* | + **at** *My parents always told me I'd succeed at anything I chose to do.* | + **in** *A lot of people doubted that I could succeed in business for myself.*

**rise to the top** /,raɪz tə ðə 'tɒp||-'tɑ:p/ [v phrase] to get better and better jobs in a company, organiza-

tion, or profession so that eventually you have one of the most important jobs in it: *Those who rise to the top in advertising can expect to earn in excess of \$100,000.* | *I think we all like to believe that if someone is made of the right stuff, they will rise to the top.* | *A consummate professional, he rose to the top of the most competitive organization in the country.*

**work your way up** /,wɜ:k jɔ:r weɪ 'ʌp/ [v phrase] to work very hard in your job so that eventually you reach an important and high position: *While she was working her way up from dishwasher to chef, she was studying at night school to improve her grades.* | **work your way up to the top** *He started two years ago as an admin assistant, and worked his way up to the top.*

**make your mark** /,meɪk jɔ:r 'mɑ:k/ [v phrase] to be successful in your job so that people notice you and respect your ability, especially because of a particular piece of work you have done: *In his early twenties, Terry was the typical ambitious graduate, full of ideas and eager to make his mark.* | *She instantly made her mark with a series of award-winning ad campaigns for high-profile clients.*

**further/advance your career** /,fɜ:ðə, əd,vɑ:ns jɔ:r kə'riə||-,væns-/ [v phrase] to gain more important and better paid jobs in your chosen area of work, especially by doing things that will get you noticed by more important people that you work with: *First, take a look at what you personally can do to advance your career.* | *In recent weeks, Janet has become aware that her colleague Alan has been using her to further his own career.*

### 7 when a company or product is successful

- ▶ be successful
- ▶ do well
- ▶ be a success
- ▶ succeed
- ▶ thrive
- ▶ prosper

**be successful** /bi: sək'sesfəl/ [v phrase] *Unless we make a product that people want, we are not going to be successful.* | *To be successful, agencies must have in place a first-rate financial management system.* | *The new playstation has been less successful than the previous version.* | *The campaign was so successful that Harvard Business School adopted it as a case study.*

**do well** /,du: 'wel/ [v phrase] if a company or product **does well**, it is successful, especially in difficult conditions or when it has not existed for very long: *If the firm does well, your shares will be worth far more than you paid for them.* | *The producer would only say that sales of the video were 'doing very well indeed.'*

**be a success** /bi: ə sək'ses/ [v phrase] if a company, product, film etc **is a success**, it makes a lot of money because a lot of people use it, buy it, or go to see it: *There was a lot of uncertainty about whether or not the picture would be a success.* | *We've started our own business. If it's a success we should be earning at least \$3,000 per month.* | *The movie was, not surprisingly, a huge commercial success for Jordan.* | *The show was an even bigger success than he had dreamed.*

**succeed** /sək'si:d/ [v l not usually in progressive] if a company or product **succeeds**, it becomes successful and can continue to do business or be produced: *Even in remote areas people open restaurants, and surprisingly enough, they succeed.* | *Who'd think of designing a virtual rock-climbing game? Microsoft did, and it succeeded.*



**thrive** /θraɪv/ [v I] if a company, or industry **thrives**, it is very successful, especially because economic conditions are good or because a lot of people want to buy or use its products: *The IT explosion means that telecommunications companies are thriving.* | *It is still unclear whether dotcom companies will continue to thrive in the long-term future.* — **thriving** [adj] *a thriving organic supermarket*

**prosper** /ˈprɒspər/ [v I] if a company, or industry **prosper**s, it is successful and is able to make good profits because of good economic conditions or good management: *Over the next few years, our little bar prospered and grew in popularity.* | *India's software companies have prospered by keeping costs to a bare minimum.*

## 8 to start to be successful

- ▶ **take off**
- ▶ **be on the way up**
- ▶ **up-and-coming**
- ▶ **be going places**
- ▶ **be on the up and up**

**take off** /ˌteɪk ˈɒf/ [phr v I] if a product, company, your job etc **takes off**, it suddenly starts being successful: *Her singing career took off after an appearance on Johnny Carson's 'Tonight' show in America.* | *Before you knew it, 11 companies had settled here, and the place really took off.*

**be on the way up** /bi: ɒn ðə ˈweɪ ˈʌp/ [v phrase] to be becoming richer, more successful etc: *He's not that famous a musician at the moment, but he's definitely on the way up.* | *starter homes for young couples on the way up*

**up-and-coming** /ˌʌp ən ˈkʌmɪŋ/ [adj phrase only before noun] **up-and-coming artist/player/executive** etc an artist, player etc, especially a young one, who is getting more and more successful and who will probably soon be famous: *Many up-and-coming young players have trials for the national football team.* | *an award for the best up-and-coming comic actress*

**be going places** /bi: ˈgəʊɪŋ ˌpleɪsɪz/ [v phrase] if you say that a person or company **is going places**, you mean that they are already achieving success and will probably be even more successful in the future: *Alvin was part of it all now. Only 24, and he was going places.* | *This company is clearly one that is going places.*

**be on the up and up** /bi: ɒn ði ˌʌp ənd ˈʌp/ [v phrase] British to be getting more successful all the time: *A gliding club that started in a local farmer's barn says business is on the up and up.* | *We lost at Oxford, but since then we've been on the up and up and won our last four games.*

## 9 likely to be successful in the future

- ▶ **have potential**
- ▶ **promising**
- ▶ **will go far/will go a long way**
- ▶ **have a great/bright future**

**have potential** /hæv pəˈtenʃəl/ [v phrase not in progressive] if a person, company, or product **has potential**, they are likely to be successful in the future, especially if they develop in the right way: *Slater has enormous potential, and should soon be playing football for England.* | *She realized that cosmetics made from natural products had great commercial potential.* | **reach/fulfil/realize/achieve your (full) potential** (=be as successful as you have the ability to be) *Sadly, many students leave before they have the opportunity to achieve their potential.*

**promising** /ˈprɒmɪsɪŋ/ [adj] likely, but not certain, to be very successful: *Jonathan is one of our most promising employees.* | *Matthew is a promising young dancer with lots of stage personality.* | *Peter gave up a promising career in chemical engineering to become a priest.*

**will go far/will go a long way** /wɪl ˌgəʊ ˈfɑːr, wɪl ˌgəʊ ə ˌlɒŋ ˈweɪ-/ [v phrase] if someone **will go far** or **will go a long way**, they will be very successful, especially because they have shown natural ability in something or shown that they have the right sort of character to do something: *I remember watching her play, and thinking 'she'll go far.'* | *If this team keeps its mind on nothing but football, it will go a long, long way.*

**have a great/bright future** /hæv ə ˌɡreɪt, ˌbraɪt ˈfjuːtʃər/ [v phrase not in progressive] to be likely to be successful in whatever you choose to do as a job, especially because you are clever or have natural ability in something: *He is a successful student with a bright future.* | *Billy Joe has a great future in this team.* | *A man like you could have a great future here, but you've got to prove yourself.* | **have a great/bright future ahead of you** *She was an attractive girl with a bright future ahead of her when her life was cut short in a tragic car accident.*

## 10 a successful person

- ▶ **successful**
- ▶ **high flyer**
- ▶ **achiever**
- ▶ **be a success story**

**successful** /səkˈsesfəl/ [adj] use this about a **successful** person or a job in which someone is successful **successful businessman/star/lawyer** etc *Three years ago she married a successful businessman, and now she never sees her old friends.* | *a rich, successful entrepreneur* | *Eddie Murphy is one of Hollywood's most successful stars.* | *After a long run in the band Genesis, he had a successful solo career.*

**high flyer** /ˌhaɪ ˈflaɪər/ [n C] someone who is extremely successful in their job, especially because they have an unusually high level of ability: *High flyers can expect promotion to Branch Manager by the time they're 30.* | *Jupe is an academic high-flyer and a gifted administrator.* | *The potential high flyers of the diplomatic service usually join as administrative trainees.* — **high-flying** [adj] *Veronica is a high-flying young solicitor who lives in one of the more exclusive suburbs of Paris.*

**achiever** /əˈtʃiːvər/ [n C] someone who is determined, who works hard, and who is very successful at whatever they do: *Christopher came from a comfortable family of upper-middle-class achievers.* | *I guess it was clear to everyone that I was bright and an achiever.* | **high achiever** *The study shows that only-children tend to be high achievers in school.*

**be a success story** /bi: ə səkˈses ˌstɔːri/ [v phrase] if someone's life or job **is a success story**, they have been very successful, especially when they start from a low position or from a situation that does not give them many advantages: *His life has been the classic American success story, from rags to riches.* | *Richard is one of our success stories – by accepting voluntary work, he was spared a prison sentence.* | *Hill represents a police success story, having risen up through the ranks to become chief inspector.*



# 11 a successful company or product

- ▶ **successful**
- ▶ **thriving**
- ▶ **booming**
- ▶ **success story**

▶ see also **sell**

**successful** /sək'sesfəl/ [adj] What are the features that characterized the successful corporations of the past? | He returned to Merseyside after a successful tour with Johnny Gentle. | Our most successful product is based on a very simple idea. | Gradually, word spread, and we built up a very successful business indeed.

**thriving** /'θraɪvɪŋ/ [adj] a company, organization, or industry that is **thriving** is very successful, especially because economic conditions are good or because a lot of people want to buy or use their products: The nearby malls are thriving, and there's no need for another regional shopping centre. | He expanded the shipping trade and left a thriving business to his son. | the thriving fast-food and soft drinks industry

**booming** /'buːmɪŋ/ [adj] a company or industry that is **booming** is extremely successful at a particular time, especially because economic conditions are good: The need for personal protection has led to a booming private security industry here. | Every day, we hear that the IT industry is booming, but where's the real evidence of that? | **business is booming** (=used to say that you are selling a lot of products and making a lot of money) One company that specializes in fitting old computers with new parts says business is booming.

**success story** /sək'ses ,stɔːri/ [n singular] if a company or product is a **success story**, it has become extremely successful, especially suddenly: Tonight, we're going to hear about another business success story from the North East. | Well, the success story might never have happened if the entrepreneur had taken the advice of his bank.

## suddenly

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **surprised/surprising, fast**

# 1 suddenly

- ▶ **suddenly**
- ▶ **all of a sudden**
- ▶ **out of the blue**
- ▶ **abruptly**
- ▶ **without warning**
- ▶ **on the spur of the moment**
- ▶ **from out of nowhere**
- ▶ **at short notice**

**suddenly** /'sʌdnli/ [adv] if something happens **suddenly**, it happens quickly when you are not expecting it: Suddenly there was a loud bang and all the lights went out. | I suddenly realized that there was someone following me. | **die suddenly** (=die unexpectedly) Several years ago her husband died suddenly at the age of 64.

**all of a sudden** /ɔːl əv ə 'sʌdn/ [adv] suddenly – use this especially in stories or descriptions of past events: We waited and waited, then all of a sudden we saw a sail on the horizon. | The way he decided to leave all of a sudden didn't make any sense.

**out of the blue** /,aʊt əv ðə 'bluː/ [adv] if something happens **out of the blue**, you are not expecting it at all, and you are very surprised by it: She told me, out

of the blue, that she was going to live in New York. | **completely out of the blue** Do you remember Jane? Well, she phoned me yesterday, completely out of the blue.

**abruptly** /ə'brʌptli/ [adv] if something ends or if someone moves or speaks **abruptly**, they do it suddenly and unexpectedly: The party was stopped abruptly when the police turned up. | She turned abruptly and went back inside. | 'You may leave now,' he said, abruptly.

**without warning** /wɪð,aʊt 'wɔːrɪŋ/ [adv] if something bad or dangerous happens **without warning**, it happens suddenly and there were no signs that it was going to happen: Without warning, tears began to roll down his cheeks. | At five to four Greg went into convulsions. It happened suddenly and without warning.

**on the spur of the moment** /ɒn ðə ,spɜːr əv ðə 'məʊmənt/ [adv] if you do something **on the spur of the moment**, you suddenly decide to do something that you had not planned to do: I bought the car on the spur of the moment. | On the spur of the moment, we decided to head north that day instead of East. — **spur-of-the-moment** [adj only before noun] It was a spur-of-the-moment decision.

**from out of nowhere** /frəm ,aʊt əv 'nəʊweər/ [adv] if you say that someone does something or something appears **from out of nowhere**, it happens suddenly so that you are surprised or shocked: From out of nowhere he asked me to marry him. | I was doing 80 miles per hour when from out of nowhere this cop on a motorcycle pulled me over.

**at short notice** /ət ,ʃɔːrt 'nəʊtɪs/ [adv] if something happens **at short notice**, it happens suddenly without you having time to prepare for it: Both players pulled out of the competition yesterday at short notice. | Occasionally, tours may have to be cancelled at short notice.

# 2 something that happens suddenly

- ▶ **sudden**
- ▶ **dramatic**
- ▶ **abrupt**
- ▶ **snap**

**sudden** /'sʌdn/ [adj] happening suddenly: I felt a sudden sharp pain in my stomach. | Rebecca's decision to leave was very sudden. | Depression is sometimes brought on by a sudden change in your life.

**dramatic** /drə'mætɪk/ [adj] happening suddenly, and making a situation either much better or much worse: There has been a dramatic increase in homelessness over the past few years. | the dramatic changes that took place in Eastern Europe — **dramatically** [adv] Oil reserves have fallen dramatically since the war broke out.

**abrupt** /ə'brʌpt/ [adj] sudden, unexpected, and often unwanted **abrupt end/departure/change etc** The police brought the demonstration to an abrupt end. | His departure was abrupt and completely unexpected. | There has been an abrupt shift in the government thinking regarding these issues.

**snap** /snæp/ [adj only before noun] **snap decision/judgement** a decision or judgement that is made very suddenly, often without thinking about it enough: Snap decisions are not always the best decisions. | Usually she did not make snap judgements about people.



# suffer

when something painful or unpleasant happens to you

## RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **pain, illness/disease, ill/sick**

### 1 to suffer

- ▶ **suffer**
- ▶ **endure**
- ▶ **go through**
- ▶ **undergo**
- ▶ **be subjected to**
- ▶ **be in the grip of**
- ▶ **be in the throes of**

**suffer** /'sʌfə/ [v I/T] to experience physical or emotional pain when something bad happens to you: *Children always suffer when their parents get divorced.* | *In all wars, it's innocent civilians who suffer most.* | *Anne still suffers a lot of pain in her leg.* | + **from** *Two hundred million people worldwide suffer from parasitic diseases.*

**endure** /ɪn'dʒʊə/ [v T] especially written to experience pain or have difficult or unpleasant experiences over a long period – use this especially about people who are brave and patient: *She has endured ten years of painful back operations.* | *They were lost in the mountains for ten days, enduring hunger, thirst, and intense cold.*

**go through** /'gəʊ θru:/ [phr v T] to experience a lot of problems in your life over a long period of time: *Peter had lost his job, and the family was going through a very difficult time.* | *It's good to see Patrick looking so happy now, after all he's gone through in the last few years.*

**undergo** /ˌʌndə'gəʊ/ [v T] to experience a very difficult or unpleasant situation that you have no control over and cannot stop: *The hostages were eventually released after undergoing a terrifying ordeal.* | *He underwent major heart surgery last year.* | *At that time she was undergoing tremendous emotional problems following the breakup of her marriage.*

**be subjected to** /bi: səb'dʒektɪd tu:/ [v phrase] to be forced to experience something very unpleasant, such as unfair or violent treatment, especially over a long time: *Black people in the area are claiming they have been subjected to repeated racial attacks from police officers.* | *The charity helps children who have been subjected to domestic violence and sexual abuse.*

**be in the grip of** /bi: ɪn ðə 'gri:p ɒv/ [v phrase] to be experiencing an extremely unpleasant or serious situation that you have no control over and cannot stop: *The Sudan was in the grip of its worst famine for 20 years.* | *Much of Europe was in the grip of postwar recession.*

**be in the throes of** /bi: ɪn ðə 'θrəʊz ɒv/ [v phrase] to be experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation, especially one that continues a long time: *Kramer was in the throes of clinical depression and left the band for a while.* | *In the throes of the Great Depression, Franklin Roosevelt developed the economic plan called 'The New Deal'.*

### 2 to suffer because of bad things you have done or mistakes you have made

- ▶ **suffer**
- ▶ **pay**
- ▶ **count the cost**
- ▶ **cost sb dearly/dear**
- ▶ **know/find out to your cost**
- ▶ **at a/some cost to**

**suffer** /'sʌfə/ [v I] *If you tell lies, it is you who will suffer in the end.* | **make sb suffer** *When his mother caught him cheating she really made him suffer.* | + **for** *All over the world, people are suffering for their political or religious beliefs.* | *I shouldn't have drunk all that wine – I'll suffer for it tomorrow morning.*

**pay** /peɪ/ [v I/T] to have a bad experience as a way of being punished for something bad that you have done, mistakes you have made etc + **for** *Miller refused to testify and paid for it by being labelled a communist.* | **make sb pay** *They think I've forgotten what they did to me, but I'll make them pay.* | **pay dearly** *She drank far too much at the party and paid dearly for it the next day.* | **pay the price/the penalty** *Tony didn't do any studying all year but paid the price when it came to the exams.*

**count the cost** /ˌkaʊnt ðə 'kɒst/ [v phrase] British to suffer or start having problems as a result of mistakes or decisions you made at an earlier time: *The school overspent on its budget last year, and now it's having to count the cost.* | + **of** *We are now counting the cost of our earlier mistakes.*

**cost sb dearly/dear** /ˌkɒst (sb) 'diə:li, 'diə: 'kɒst/ [v phrase] if a mistake **costs someone dearly** or **costs someone dear**, they suffer a great deal because of it: *This scandal could cost the government dearly.* | *It was only a small mistake, but it cost us very dear.*

**know/find out to your cost** /ˌnəʊ, faɪnd aʊt tə ʒɔ: 'kɒst/ [v phrase] if you **know** or **find out** something **to your cost**, you realize that something that happened or something you did at an earlier time is now causing problems or is likely to cause problems in the future: *As we now know to our cost, the disease is highly contagious.* | *Many people have found out to their cost that insurance policies do not always cover damage from flooding.*

**at a/some cost to** /ət ə, səm 'kɒst tu: 'kɒst/ [prep] if you do something **at a cost to** someone or something, that person suffers because you do it: *She's struggled to keep the family going on her own – at considerable cost to herself.* | *Ms Gideon has defended her cause at great cost to her personal and political reputation.*

### 3 something painful or unpleasant that you suffer

- ▶ **suffering**
- ▶ **hardship**
- ▶ **plight**
- ▶ **agony**
- ▶ **torment**
- ▶ **adversity**

**suffering** /'sʌfərɪŋ/ [n U] very unpleasant, painful, or upsetting conditions – use this especially about a situation that affects a lot of people: *The earthquake has caused massive damage and a great deal of human suffering.* | *Reporters described the suffering they had seen in the war zone.*

**hardship** /'hɑ:rdʃɪp/ [n C/U] when your life is difficult and uncomfortable, especially because you are very poor: *During the war we faced many hardships.* | *Rising food prices caused great hardship for*



most of the population. | Many students suffer financial hardship.

**plight** /plaɪt/ [n singular] a difficult and unpleasant situation, in which people are suffering a lot and that makes you feel great sympathy for them: *The film deals with the nomadic desert people of the Sahel, whose plight has worsened in the recent years of drought.* | *A new report exposes the plight of skilled nurses, who work long hours for very low rates of pay.*

**agony** /'ægəni/ [n U] a very sad, difficult, and unpleasant situation in which people suffer a lot, especially over a long time: *In the book she describes the agony of watching her child die.* | *With renewed fighting for control of the capital, there seems to be no end to the region's agony.*

**torment** /'tɔːrment/ [n U] severe mental suffering, often continuing for a long time: *She suffered years of private torment over her decision to have her children adopted.* | *It's difficult for us to understand the torment the hostages are going through.*

**adversity** /əd'vɜːsɪti/ [n U] a situation in which you have continuing difficulties that seem to be caused by bad luck: *They have suffered more than their fair share of adversity and managed to overcome it every time.* | **in the face of adversity** (=when experiencing adversity) *She somehow manages to keep laughing in the face of adversity.*

## 4 someone who suffers

▶ victim

▶ casualty

**victim** /'vɪktɪm/ [n C] someone who suffers because of an illness, accident, crime etc: *a murder victim* | *Heart attack victims stand a better chance if they are treated immediately.* | *They are launching a massive aid program to help the famine victims.* | **+ of** *Our aim is to help victims of crime.*

**casualty** /'kæʒuəlti/ [n C] someone who suffers as a result of an event or situation over which they have no control – used especially in news reports: *The corruption scandal has claimed yet another casualty: the Finance Minister, who was forced to resign last night.* | **+ of** *The company is the latest casualty of the worldwide recession.*

## 5 someone who seems to enjoy suffering

▶ masochist

▶ martyr

▶ be a glutton for punishment

**masochist** /'mæsəkɪst/ [n C] *He goes swimming in the sea in the middle of winter – he must be some kind of masochist.* — **masochistic** /'mæsə'kɪstɪk/ [adj] *She seems to derive an almost masochistic pleasure from going out with men who treat her badly.*

**be a glutton for punishment** /biː ə ˌglʌtn fər 'pʌnɪʃmənt/ [v phrase] use this humorously about someone who seems to like being put in situations where they will suffer, when it could have been avoided: *Being a glutton for punishment, I agreed to organize yet another children's birthday party.*

**martyr** /'mɑːtɪər/ [n C] someone who enjoys suffering because they make other people feel guilty about it, and therefore get sympathy and attention: *Don't be a martyr – ask for help if you need it.* | **play the martyr** (=behave like one) *We all like to play the martyr sometimes.*

# suggest

## RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **advise, idea, warn, persuade**

## 1 to suggest something

▶ suggest

▶ recommend

▶ make a suggestion

**suggest** /sə'dʒest||səg-/ [v T] to tell someone your idea about what they should do, where they should go etc, or about what you and they should do together: *'Why don't you come with us?' Alan suggested.* | *It was a sunny afternoon, and Jim suggested a trip to the beach.* | **+ (that)** *My Dad suggested that I should apply for the job.* | *I suggest we take a break and finish this later.* | **+ doing sth** *It was raining heavily, and she suggested calling a taxi.* | **+ where/how/when etc** *Can you suggest where we might be able to get a decent meal?*

**make a suggestion** /ˌmeɪk ə sə'dʒestʃən||-səg-/ [v phrase] to suggest something that you think will help someone or will solve a problem: *Mr Chairman – may I make a suggestion?* | *One day her mother made a suggestion. 'Why don't you come back and live with your father and me?'* | *A professional consultant will make suggestions about the most suitable clients to approach for your particular type of work.*

**recommend** /ˌrekə'mend/ [v T] to suggest something to someone because you know that it is good and you are sure that they will like it: *Can you recommend a good hotel near here?* | **recommend sth to sb** *Corfu was wonderful – I'd recommend it to anyone.* | **be highly recommended** (=people say that it is very good) *The hotel's restaurant comes highly recommended.*

## 2 to make a formal suggestion in a meeting, report etc

▶ propose

▶ float

▶ recommend

▶ submit

▶ put forward

▶ present

▶ put sth to/before

▶ be mooted

**propose** /prə'pəʊz/ [v T] to formally suggest that something should be done, especially at a meeting: *The Russians proposed a treaty banning all nuclear tests.* | **+ (that)** *I propose that we discuss this at the next meeting.*

**recommend** /ˌrekə'mend/ [v T] to officially suggest that something should be done, after you have considered the situation carefully: *The report recommends a number of changes in the existing law.* | **+ that** *The directors are recommending that shareholders accept Baldwin's offer.*

**put forward** /ˌpʊt 'fɔːrwəd/ [phr v T] to suggest plans, proposals etc, especially in order to start discussions about something that needs to be decided: *The United Nations has put forward a peace plan that it hopes will form the basis for discussions.* | *Management initially put forward a number of proposals which were wholly unacceptable to the union.*

**put sth to/before** /'pʊt (sth) tuː, bɪ'fɔːr/ [v phrase] to offer a group something such as a proposal or plan which they can accept or refuse: *The Government has spent £1 million on putting its case to the public.* | *We're going to put our plans before the com-*



*mittee on Monday and we'll just have to hope that they are approved.*

**float** /fləʊt/ [v T not usually in progressive] **float an idea/plan etc** to suggest an idea, plan etc in order to find out what other people think about it: *The administration had floated the idea of increased taxes on beer, spirits and tobacco.* | *The following month, David floated the possibility of launching a new TV company.*

**submit** /səb'mɪt/ [v T] to offer a proposal, application etc so that an official person or group can consider it and decide whether to accept it: *Applications for planning permission must be submitted before noon tomorrow.* | **submit sth to sb** *We have submitted proposals for a new pay structure to the board of management.*

**present** /pri'zent/ [v T] to explain your ideas or plans to an official group so that they can decide whether to accept them: *We shall give you reasonable time to prepare and present your proposals.* | **present sth to sb** *Ms Rogers will present her ideas to the Board at next week's meeting.* | **present sb with sth** *We have been presented with a number of plans and will give careful consideration to all of them.*

**be mooted** /bi: 'mu:tɪd/ [v phrase] if an idea or plan is **mooted**, it is suggested as something that could be done: *The scheme was first mooted two years ago.* | + **for** *A 3,000 house development has been mooted for the disused airfield.*

### 3 to suggest someone as a suitable person for a job or official position

- ▶ **suggest**
- ▶ **recommend**
- ▶ **put sb's name forward**
- ▶ **nominate**
- ▶ **propose**

**suggest** /sə'dʒest/ [v T] *All members are invited to suggest names.* | **suggest sb for sth** *Robert suggested his son for the vacant directorship.*

**recommend** /,rekə'mend/ [v T] to suggest someone you know personally as suitable for a job or position, because you think they would do a good job: *Ask friends to recommend babysitters. That's the safest way.* | *The first applicant was recommended by a friend of the boss.* | **recommend sb for sth** *Who would you recommend for this job, Stuart?*

**put sb's name forward** /,put (sb's) 'neɪm fɔ:rwəd/ [v phrase] to formally suggest someone, usually in writing, to be elected to an official or political position: *The local Democratic party has put several names forward.* | + **for** *The opposition leader announced that he would not be putting his name forward for re-election at the party's annual conference.*

**nominate** /'nɒmɪneɪt/ [v T] to suggest someone for an important job or prize, especially when people will vote to make a decision: *We need a treasurer. Does anyone want to nominate somebody?* | **nominate sb for sth** *Jane Campion was one of the people nominated for the 'Best Director' award.* | **nominate sb as sth** *It was expected that he would nominate Bramwell as his successor.* | **nominate sb to sth** *The President has power to nominate people to certain key offices, including judge of the Supreme Court.* — **nomination** /,nɒmɪ'neɪʃən/ [n C/U] *His nomination as chief executive was approved by the board.* | *the Democratic nomination for President* (=the person nominated by the Democrats)

**propose** /prə'pəʊz/ [v T] to formally suggest someone for an official position: *At the last meeting, Mrs Williams was proposed by several members.* | + **for** *I*

*would like to propose Mr Harrison for the position of Party Treasurer.*

### 4 something that someone suggests

- ▶ **suggestion**
- ▶ **proposal**
- ▶ **recommendation**
- ▶ **proposition**

**suggestion** /sə'dʒestʃən/ [n C] something that someone suggests: *We welcome any suggestions from our viewers as to how to improve our service.* | **make a suggestion** *She made some useful suggestions about places we could visit.* | **have a suggestion** (=want to make a suggestion) *Does anyone have any other suggestions?* | + **about** *We liked your suggestion about changing the timetable.* | + **that** *Barry ignored my suggestion that he should try phoning her again.* | **open to suggestions** (=willing to listen to ideas) *You must be flexible and open to suggestions in this job.*

**proposal** /prə'pəʊzəl/ [n C] a formal or official suggestion that something should be done: *They will consider our proposal at their next meeting.* | **put forward a proposal** (=make one) *Their role is to put forward proposals for change.* | + **to do sth** *Their proposal to build a new airport has finally been rejected.* | + **for** *They forwarded a list of proposals for the safe disposal of nuclear waste.*

**recommendation** /,rekəmen'deɪʃən/ [n C] a suggestion made, for example, by an official person or group, especially a suggestion that is contained in a report **make a recommendation** *The consultants have made several very good and valid recommendations.* | **accept a recommendation** *We accept that recommendation and will act on it as soon as possible.* | **on sb's recommendation** (=because someone has recommended it) *I bought the house on the realtor's recommendation and have regretted it ever since.*

**proposition** /,prɒpə'zɪʃən/ [n C] a plan of action that is suggested, especially in business or politics: *I'll consider your proposition and let you know.* | *We are prepared to look at any reasonable proposition from the council.* | **make a proposition** *I have a proposition to make.*

### 5 what you say to suggest something

- ▶ **can/may I make a suggestion**
- ▶ **I propose (that)**
- ▶ **why don't you/we/I etc**
- ▶ **how about/what about**
- ▶ **maybe/perhaps**
- ▶ **let's**
- ▶ **we may as well**

**can/may I make a suggestion** /,kæn, meɪ aɪ 'meɪk ə sə'dʒestʃən/ use this to suggest something politely, especially when you think someone may be making a mistake: *Can I make a suggestion? Try adding a little more flour.* | *May I make a suggestion? I think we should stop and look at the map.*

**I propose (that)** /aɪ prə'pəʊz (ðæt)/ spoken use this for formally suggesting something that you think should be done, especially at a meeting: *I propose that we continue this meeting tomorrow.*

**why don't you/we/I etc** /'waɪ dəʊnt ju:/ informal say this when you think it would be a good idea to do something: *Why don't you wait for me downstairs? I won't be long.* | *If David wants someone to go with him, why doesn't he ask Jacky? I'm sure she'd enjoy it.* | *Why don't we go watch a movie tonight?*



**how about/what about** /'haʊ əbaʊt, 'wɒt əbaʊt/ informal use this to suggest something or offer something: *'How about a brandy?' said Tom.* | *What about going out for lunch one day next week? When are you free?*

**maybe/perhaps** /'meɪbi, pə'r'hæps/ [adv] spoken use this to suggest something in a gentle way: *Maybe we should try again tomorrow.* | *Perhaps you ought to introduce her to my son. They should get on well.*

**let's** /lets/ **let's go/have/do etc** use this when you want to suggest something that you and the people you are with should do: *Come on, let's dance.* | *We both need a break. Let's go away for the weekend.* | **let's not** *Let's not argue on our anniversary.* | **don't let's (British)** *Come on, don't let's waste any more time here.*

**we may as well** /wiː meɪ əz 'wel/ use this to suggest something that is not very interesting or exciting, when you do not have any better ideas: *It's too late to go to the movies so we may as well watch TV.* | *I think we might as well buy this one. We're not going to find anything cheaper.*

## suit/look good together

when clothes etc suit a person, or when things look good together

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **clothes, style/elegance, suitable, fashionable/not fashionable**

### 1 to suit someone

- ▶ **suit**
- ▶ **flattering**
- ▶ **look good on**

**suit** /suːt, sjuːt/suːt/ [v T not in progressive or passive] if something such as a piece of clothing or a colour **suits** someone, they look good when they wear it because it is the right colour, style etc: *Do you think this colour suits me?* | *Steve was wearing a red silk shirt that didn't suit him at all.* | *Your hair suits you like that.* | *That dress would really suit Annie.*

**look good on** /lʊk 'ɡʊd ɒn/ [v phrase not in progressive] if a piece of clothing **looks good on** someone, it looks good when they are wearing it: *Why don't you wear that black dress? It looks really good on you.* | *Those trousers would look really good on you.*

**flattering** /'flætərɪŋ/ [adj] clothes or styles that are **flattering** help to make someone look more attractive, for example by making a fat person look thinner: *High-heeled shoes are flattering but not very comfortable.* | *She wore a plain black dress, quite simple but very flattering.*

### 2 to look good with something else

- ▶ **go with**
- ▶ **go together**
- ▶ **match**
- ▶ **matching**
- ▶ **complement**
- ▶ **set off**
- ▶ **blend in**

**go with** /'ɡəʊ wið/ [phr v T not in progressive or passive] *I'm not sure that those earrings will go with your dress.* | *That jacket will go really well with your blue skirt.* | *I love that pale blue wallpaper, but I don't think it would go with the carpet.*

**go together** /'ɡəʊ tə,geðər/ [phr v I not in progressive] if two things **go together**, they look good when they are worn or seen with each other: *That jacket and skirt don't really go together.* | *It's funny but the yellow walls and the black floor actually go together quite well.*

**match** /mætʃ/ [v I/T not in progressive] if something **matches** something else, or if two things **match**, they look good together because they are similar in colour or style: *She was wearing black high-heeled shoes that matched her skirt and jacket.* | *In the lounge everything matched; the curtains, the sofa, the carpet and the cushions.* | *I'm looking for a rug to match my bedroom curtains.* | **handbag/hat/shoes to match** (=that match) *For every outfit, Stephanie seemed to have a handbag and shoes to match.*

**matching** /'mætʃɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] **matching** pieces of clothing, furniture etc are similar to each other in colour or style and so look good together: *Emily was wearing a dark green skirt and matching blouse.* | *In the kitchen was a rustic oak table and six matching chairs.*

**complement** /'kɒmplɪment/'kɑːm-/ [v T not in progressive] formal if a piece of clothing or a colour **complements** something, it makes it look more attractive: *A simple string of pearls will complement any outfit.* | *Soft, creamy bed linen adds a luxurious touch and complements any colour scheme.* | *She looked beautiful – the white silk of her blouse complemented her olive skin perfectly.*

**set off** /set 'ɒf/ [phr v T] if one thing **sets off** another thing, it makes it look more attractive and noticeable, for example by being different in colour or style **set off sth** *The brass rail sets off the wooden panelling very nicely.* | **set sth off** *It's a lovely dress, and a brightly coloured silk scarf will set it off perfectly.*

**blend in** /blend 'ɪn/ [phr v I] if something **blends in** with the things around it, it looks good with them because it has a similar colour or pattern to theirs and does not look very different from them: *The colour's perfect for our bedroom – it should blend in very nicely.* | **+ with** *I'm looking for some pale green curtains that will blend in with the walls.* | *Choose plants that will blend in with the existing garden scheme.*

### 3 to not look good with something else

- ▶ **not match**
- ▶ **clash**
- ▶ **not go with/not go together**

**not match** /nɒt 'mætʃ/ [v I/T not in progressive] if two things do **not match**, they are not the same colour or style and so do not look attractive together: *That tie doesn't match your shirt.* | *I felt slightly out of place, and was conscious that my jacket and trousers didn't quite match.*

**not go with/not go together** /nɒt 'ɡəʊ wið, nɒt 'ɡəʊ tə,geðər/ [v phrase not in progressive] if one thing does **not go with** another, or if two things do **not go together**, they do not look attractive next to each other: *That shirt doesn't go with your blue trousers.* | *Pink and purple don't usually go very well together.*

**clash** /klæʃ/ [v I not in progressive] if two things **clash**, they look very bad when they are worn or seen together because they are completely different in style, colour etc: *Choose bright colors, but make sure they don't clash.* | **+ with** *That scarf clashes terribly with her green coat.* | *I can't wear red – it clashes with my hair.*



# suitable

## RELATED WORDS

opposite: **unsuitable**  
 ▶ see also **convenient, best, perfect, suit/look good together**

## 1 suitable for a particular situation, job, purpose etc

- ▶ **suitable**
- ▶ **right**
- ▶ **proper**
- ▶ **appropriate**
- ▶ **good**
- ▶ **suit**
- ▶ **be suited to**
- ▶ **be cut out for**
- ▶ **lends itself to**

**suitable** /'su:təbəl, 'sju:-'su:-/ [adj] something or someone that is **suitable** is the right type of thing or person for a purpose, job, or situation: *I still haven't found a suitable job.* | *You must wear something suitable – preferably black.* | + **for** *The house would be suitable for a large family.* | *Plants of this type are suitable for use in an aquarium.* | **eminently suitable** (=very suitable) *The property is centrally located and eminently suitable for our purposes.* — **suitably** [adv] *Few of the young people were dressed suitably for the wedding.*

**right** /raɪt/ [adj] suitable. **Right** is used more in informal language than **suitable**: *I don't know the right word to describe it.* | *We've been thinking about selling the house, but I'm not sure the time is right.* | *We all agree that Carey is the right person for the job.* | + **for** *It's a good school, but it wasn't really right for Melissa.*

**proper** /'prɒpər'prɑ:-/ [adj only before noun] suitable for a particular purpose or situation: *You can't climb a mountain without the proper equipment.* | *I can't make the repairs without the proper tools or materials.* | *With proper training, most people can learn leadership skills.* — **properly** [adv] *The machine operators had not been properly trained.*

**appropriate** /ə'prəʊpri-ɪt/ [adj] suitable for a situation or purpose – use this especially about something that has been carefully chosen for a particular situation: *You will be given your orders at the appropriate time.* | *Considering what he did, I think the punishment was appropriate.* | + **for** *Each member is given a special exercise routine that is appropriate for his or her needs* — **appropriately** [adv] *His manner at the funeral was appropriately solemn.*

**good** /gʊd/ [adj] especially spoken very suitable for a purpose or job – use this especially when there are several suitable people or things to choose from: *Bates would be a good person to have on the team.* | *Would now be a good time to discuss the plans for the conference?* | + **for** *The big jars are good for storing rice or pasta.*

**suit** /su:t, sju:t'su:t/ [v T not in passive] something that **suits** a person, purpose, situation etc is suitable for them: *This is a job that would suit someone with a lot of experience abroad.* | *They found us a house close to the campus, which suited us very well.* | **suit sb's needs** *Make sure you choose a computer that suits your needs.* | **suit sb fine/well/perfectly** *The weather here suits me fine.*

**be suited to** /bi:'su:tɪd tu:/ [v phrase] if someone or something is **suited to** a situation, purpose, or job they have the qualities that make them suitable for it: *Wearing a suit and tie just is not suited to a tropical climate.* | *Do you think his personality is suited to*

*a career in teaching?* | **ideally/well/perfectly suited to sth** *The electric car is well suited to the needs of city drivers.*

**be cut out for** /bi:'kʌt 'aʊt fɔ:r/ [v phrase] if someone is **cut out for** a particular job, they have personal qualities that are suitable for it and are therefore likely to succeed at it – use this especially in questions and negative sentences: *Maybe he's just not cut out for an acting career.* | *She knew she was cut out for more than scrubbing floors and doing laundry.*

**lends itself to** /'lendz ɪtself tu:/ [v phrase] if something **lends itself to** being used in a particular way, it has qualities that make it easy and suitable for using in that way: *Many of his poems lend themselves to songs very easily.* | *The marshy land at the mouth of the Neva River hardly lent itself to habitation.*

## 2 exactly suitable for a particular situation, job, purpose etc

- ▶ **just right**
- ▶ **ideal**
- ▶ **be made for**
- ▶ **fit the bill**

**just right** /dʒʌst 'raɪt/ [adj phrase] exactly suitable: *I moved into a small apartment close to the college – it was just right.* | + **for** *Your new dress will be just right for the party.* | **just the right colour/size/age etc** *We found a cashmere scarf that was just the right color.* | *Setting the mood for romance means candlelight and just the right music.*

**ideal** /aɪ'diəl/ [adj] the **ideal** thing or person is the most suitable one you can possibly choose, when there are many to choose from: *The trip is difficult, even under ideal conditions.* | *If you could complete the report by Friday, that would be ideal.* | + **for** *With its tough suspension and 4-wheel drive, the truck is ideal for driving in the desert.*

**be made for** /bi:'meɪd fɔ:r/ [v phrase] to be exactly right for a particular job or purpose: *The job is made for someone like you.* | *In the garden stood an old apple tree with low branches, just made for climbing.*

**fit the bill** /fɪt ðə 'bɪl/ [v phrase not in progressive or passive] to have exactly the qualities needed to be suitable for a particular job, situation etc: *We know what kind of house we want, but we haven't yet found one that fits the bill.* | *I need someone who can speak both French and Spanish. Do you know anyone who fits the bill?*

## 3 when two people are suitable for each other

- ▶ **compatible**
- ▶ **be well-matched**
- ▶ **be made for each other**
- ▶ **be a perfect match/pair/couple**
- ▶ **be right for**
- ▶ **be ideally suited**

**compatible** /kəm'pætəbəl/ [adj] able to have a very good relationship with each other, because you have characters, interests, qualities etc that go well together: *Compatible couples generally share the same values and have similar lifestyles and goals.* | *The success of a relationship depends largely on how compatible two people are and how well they communicate.* — **compatibility** /kəm'pætə'bɪlɪti/ [n U] *Compatibility is just as important as romantic love.*

**be well-matched** ALSO **be well-suited** British /bi:'wel 'mætʃt, bi:'wel 'su:tɪd/ [v phrase] if two people are **well-matched** or **well-suited**, they are suitable for each other because they agree about most



things, like and dislike the same things etc: *They're a well-matched pair. He's ambitious, and she'll back him all the way.* | *Selina and I are very well-suited to each other. We seem to agree about most things.*

**be made for each other** /bi: 'meɪd fər i:tʃ ,ʌðər/ [v phrase] if two people are **made for each other**, they are naturally very suitable for each other: *Sam and Ellie are made for each other. I just can't think of either of them with anyone else.* | *When they met in Paris last fall, they fell immediately in love and knew they were made for each other.*

**be a perfect match/pair/couple** /bi: ə ,pɜːfɪkt 'mætʃ, 'peər, 'kʌpəl/ [v phrase] to be exactly suitable for each other: *Isn't it great that Will and Sue are getting married? I really think they are a perfect match.* | *They're a perfect couple - Joe has charm and Delia has money.*

**be right for** ALSO **be the right one/person/man/woman etc for** /bi: 'raɪt fɔːr, bi: ðə ,raɪt 'wʌn fɔːr/ [v phrase] if someone is **right for** someone else or **the right one for** them, they have the type of character, interests etc that make them likely to have a very good relationship with that person: *She's a nice girl, but I don't think she's right for my brother.* | *As soon as I met him, I knew he was the right one for me.*

**be ideally suited** /bi: aɪ,dɪəli 'su:tɪd/ [v phrase] British if two people are **ideally suited**, they are so suitable for each other that it would be very difficult to find a better relationship: *They are both as mad as each other. Ideally suited I would say.* | **+ for** *Malcom will be ideally suited for Angela. They have such a lot in common.*

## 4 when two things are good when done, eaten etc together

- ▶ **go together/go with**
- ▶ **be just right with**
- ▶ **complement**

**go together/go with** /'gəʊ tə,geðər, 'gəʊ wið/ [v phrase not in progressive] if two things **go together**, or if one of them **goes with** the other, they are suitable for each other: *Lamb goes very well with herbs such as rosemary and thyme.* | *Do this skirt and blouse go together?* | *The company's old headquarters didn't go with their corporate image.*

**be just right with** /bi: ,dʒʌst 'raɪt wið/ [v phrase] if one thing is **just right with** another, it goes with the other: *The wine is just right with a grilled steak.* | **be just the right thing with sth** *This jacket will be just the right thing with my blue skirt.*

**complement** /'kɒmplɪment/ 'kɑːm-/ [v T not in progressive] if one type of food or drink **complements** another, it improves the taste because they taste good together: *The wine complemented the meal perfectly.* | *The chicken dish is complemented by wild rice or spiced couscous.*

# summarize

to make a short statement that describes the main points of something

**RELATED WORDS**  
▶ see also **short, write**

## 1 to summarize something

- ▶ **summarize**
- ▶ **sum up**
- ▶ **recap/give (sb) a recap**
- ▶ **give (sb) a rundown**

**summarize** ALSO **summarise** British /'sʌməraɪz/ [v I/T] to make a short statement giving only the main information, but not the details, of a report, plan, event etc: *Your final paragraph should summarize the main points of your essay.* | *The interview was summarized on the front page of the newspaper.* | *The report was detailed and thorough; it didn't just summarize.*

**sum up** /,sʌm 'ʌp/ [phr v I/T] to summarize something clearly and in very few words, especially at the end of a speech, report, or meeting: *The Chairman's job was to introduce the speakers and to sum up at the end of the debate.* | **sum up sth** *The last section of the report sums up the arguments on both sides.* | *In these few words the president summed up the feelings of the whole nation.* | **sum sth up** *I couldn't have summed it up better.*

**recap/give (sb) a recap** /rɪ:'kæp, ,gɪv (sb) ə 'rɪ:kæp/ [v I/T/phr v I/T] to make a short spoken statement summarizing what has already been said in order to remind someone of it: *If you missed the previous episode, Alistair Cooke starts off each week by recapping the story so far.* | *To recap the legend: William Tell shot an apple off his son's head.* | **+ of** *At the end of the article, Kohn gives a recap of the proposals.*

**give (sb) a rundown** /,gɪv (sb) ə 'rʌndaʊn/ [v phrase] to give someone a short, usually spoken report, especially about a series of events, including all the important facts: *Before we go to work on this, you'd better give us a complete rundown.* | **+ on** *Baseball cards give a rundown on each player's statistics.* | **+ of** *Can you give me a rundown of what was said at yesterday's meeting?*

## 2 a statement in which facts or ideas are summarized

- ▶ **summary**
- ▶ **outline**
- ▶ **overview**
- ▶ **rundown**
- ▶ **precis**
- ▶ **synopsis**

**summary** /'sʌməri/ [n C] a short statement that gives only the main ideas and facts of something that has been written or said: *'The progress we hoped for has clearly not developed,' the council said in the summary to its final report.* | *In its report on the speech, the radio carried a brief summary, but did not broadcast the whole thing.* | **+ of** *Write a two-page summary of the results of your research.* | *I've made a summary of the main points in the Secretary General's speech.* | **news summary** British (=a short programme reporting the main events in the news) *There will be a news summary at 9.05.*

**outline** /'aʊtlain/ [n C usually singular] a short statement, especially a written one, that summarizes a statement or piece of writing and contains only the most important points: *Write a short outline covering the main points before you start on your essay.* | **+ of** *The book begins with an outline of the events that led to the First World War.* | **broad outline** (=a very general outline) *In this paper I will give a broad outline of the research we have been doing.* | **in outline** (=giving an outline) *This chapter shows, in outline, the way money circulates through the economy.*



**overview** /'əʊvər'vju:/ [n C usually singular] a short statement that summarizes a whole subject, situation, or problem in a general way: *Before we can consider the details we need to have an overview of the whole situation.* | **+ of** *The aim of the first chapter is to provide a general overview of the subjects that will be covered.*

**rundown** /'rʌndaʊn/ [n C usually singular] a report, especially a spoken one, that summarizes a set of events or a situation quickly and simply **+ of** *I want a complete rundown of what's been happening while I've been away.* | *What follows is a rundown of all the ways one company tries to market its products.* | **+ on** *Here is a rundown on the outdoor activities available in the resort.*

**precis** /'preɪsɪː||preɪ'siː/ [n C] a short piece of writing, especially one written by a student as a formal language exercise, intended to summarize the main points of a longer piece of writing **+ of** *I want you to write a precis of the whole passage in not more than 80 words.*

**synopsis** /sɪ'nɒpsɪs||-nɑː-/ [n C] a short piece of writing that summarizes the story of a film, play, or book: *I read the synopsis and decided that it would make an interesting film.* | **+ of** *Please write a synopsis of the story, not more than 100 words long.*

### 3 what you say when you are going to summarize something

- ▶ to sum up/to summarize/in summary
- ▶ in a nutshell
- ▶ in short
- ▶ to cut a long story short

**to sum up/to summarize/in summary** /tə 'sʌm 'ʌp, tə 'sʌməraɪz, ɪn 'sʌməri/ [phr v I/T/v I/T/adv] use this at the beginning of a sentence when you are going to summarize what has been said, especially at the end of a speech: *To sum up, the jury found the wrong person guilty.* | *To summarize, Bremer is saying 'you just have to trust me.'* | *In summary, don't waste your money on this book.*

**in a nutshell** /ɪn ə 'nʌtʃəl/ [adv] use this when you are summarizing a situation or idea in a few words: *In a nutshell, the state government is expected to be \$2 million in debt by the end of the year.* | *A study of women at work says, in a nutshell, that opportunities have opened up dramatically.* | **put it in a nutshell** *Bob put it in a nutshell when he said the problems was essentially a lack of communication.*

**in short** /ɪn 'ʃɔːrt/ [adv] use this to say the most important point about a situation in a few words: *In short, the report says that more money should be spent on education.* | *In short, the better a parent you are during the first 18 years, the better friends you'll be later.*

**to cut a long story short** especially British /**to make a long story short** American /tə kʌt ə 'lɒŋ 'stɔːri 'ʃɔːrt, tə meɪk ə 'lɒŋ 'stɔːri 'ʃɔːrt||-lɔːŋ-/ [adv] say this when you want to finish a story quickly and only tell people the most important parts: *To make a long story short, Stephen had a fight with Paul and ended up in the hospital.* | *I was a waitress in a bar and he was one of my customers, and that, to cut a long story short, is how we met.*

### 4 to describe something in a general way, giving only the main points

- ▶ outline
- ▶ sketch out

**outline** /'aʊtlaɪn/ [v T] to describe something such as an idea, plan, or report by giving the main points of it, especially in writing: *Each member of staff received a letter outlining their responsibilities and duties.* | *He declined to provide a copy of the report but agreed to outline its contents.*

**sketch out** /,sketʃ 'aʊt/ [phr v T] to describe something such as a plan or an idea in a general way without giving any details or being very exact: *In his letter, Marx sketched out his ideas for a new work on the history of capitalism in Britain.* | *Could you sketch out for us exactly how you see this plan developing?*

## support

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ to support a team or player *see* **sport/game** (11)
- ▶ *see also* **agree, help**

### WHAT'S HERE

- **to agree with or help sb/sth** *see* **1 to 6**
- **to stop sb/sth from falling down** *see* **7 to 9**

## to agree with or help sb/sth

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: **against/oppose**

### 1 to agree with an idea/person/political party

- ▶ **support**
- ▶ **be in favour of**
- ▶ **pro-**
- ▶ **be in sympathy with/sympathize with**
- ▶ **endorse**
- ▶ **advocate**
- ▶ **be with**

**support** /sə'pɔːrt/ [v T not in progressive] to agree with an idea, plan, political party etc, and want it to succeed: *I have always supported the Democrats.* | *She wrote a newspaper article supporting the idea of a minimum wage for workers.* | **strongly support** *Plans for a new school were strongly supported by local residents.* | **support sb in sth** *Public opinion in America supported Gandhi in his struggle for an independent India.* — **support** [n U] *The President could not get involved in the conflict without the support of the American people.* | **+ for** *There is growing support for environmental pressure groups such as Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace.*

**be in favour of** British /**be in favor of** American /biː ɪn 'feɪvər ɒv/ [v phrase] to support a plan or suggestion because you think it is a good idea: *Most UN delegates are in favour of the new peace plan.* | **+ doing sth** *Some teachers were in favour of retaining the existing system.* | **be all in favour of sth** especially spoken (=completely agree with) *I'm all in favour of people having smaller cars.*

**pro-** /prəʊ/ [prefix] **pro-democracy/pro-government/pro-independence** etc supporting democracy, the government etc: *The pro-independence group has been attacked and suppressed.* | *pro-western*



forces | *The 'pro-choice' group believes in the right to abortion.*

**be in sympathy with/sympathize with** /bi: in 'sɪmpəθi wið, 'sɪmpəθaɪz wið/ [v phrase] to think that someone's aims or ideas, especially political ideas, are right and that you should support them: *Many Democrats were in sympathy with Reagan's policies on Nicaragua.* | *Soldiers were punished severely if they were suspected of sympathising with student agitators.*

**endorse** /ɪn'dɔːrs/ [v T] to show publicly that you support a plan or action, especially by voting for it: *The convention endorsed the peace programme.* | *The President's position was endorsed by a large majority of the Senate.* | **fully endorse** *I fully endorse the measures taken to improve safety standards.* — **endorsement** [n U] *Before a bill can become law it has to have the full endorsement of both Houses of Parliament.*

**advocate** /'ædvəkət/ [v T] formal to publicly support a plan or way of doing something, especially one that you have suggested yourself: *They advocated state control of all public services.* | *Some extremists are now openly advocating violence.*

**be with** /bi: 'wið/ [v phrase] if you **are with** someone, you agree with what they are trying to do, and you are willing to help them: *We need people now for the anti-government march. Are you with us or against us?* | **be with sb all the way** (=support someone fully) *When you are fighting an election campaign, you need to feel that your party is with you all the way.*

## 2 someone who supports a person/political party/idea

- ▶ supporter
- ▶ follower
- ▶ support
- ▶ following
- ▶ sympathizer

**supporter** /sə'pɔːtər/ [n C] someone who supports a person, political party, or idea: *She had always been one of the prime minister's strongest supporters.* | *a Labour Party supporter* | **+ of** *Supporters of women's rights are protesting against the court's decision.* | **staunch supporter (of)** (=very strong supporter) *Mill was a strong supporter of political reform.*

**support** /sə'pɔːt/ [n U] all the people who support a person, group, or plan: *The party's support has always been in the big cities.* | *Carter had seen his support dwindling in the southern states.*

**sympathizer** ALSO **sympathiser** British /'sɪmpəθaɪzər/ [n C] someone who supports the ideas of a political organization but does not belong to it, especially an organization that is illegal: *His opponents accused him of being a Nazi sympathizer.* | *Money for the group's terrorist activities was supplied by sympathisers in the US.*

**follower** /'fɒləʊər/ [n C] someone who supports the ideas of a political or religious leader: *Some of Biko's followers resented his friendship with a white journalist.* | **+ of** *the followers of Mahatma Gandhi*

**following** /'fɒləʊɪŋ/ [n C usually singular] all the people who support a person or organization: *The civil rights movement attracted a large following in the northern cities.* | *In both states, O'Reilly has a loyal following among hard-line conservatives.*

## 3 to give money or help to a person/group/plan

- ▶ support
- ▶ back
- ▶ in support of
- ▶ be behind
- ▶ back sb up
- ▶ throw your weight behind

**support** /sə'pɔːt/ [v T] to give help, encouragement, money etc to someone because you want them to succeed: *The rebels were supported by a number of foreign governments who provided arms and money.* | *Employers support the training program by offering places for young people.*

**back** /bæk/ [v T usually in passive] to support a person or plan by providing money or practical help – use this especially to talk about governments or other powerful groups that support something: *Several major insurance companies have agreed to back the health-care reforms.* | *The plans for a new shopping mall are backed by the city council.*

**in support of** /ɪn sə'pɔːt ɒv/ [prep] if you do something **in support of** someone or something, you do it to show that you support them: *The miners came out on strike in support of the nurses.* | *a big demonstration in support of democratic reforms*

**be behind** /bi: br'haɪnd/ [v phrase] to support and encourage someone in what they are trying to achieve: *My parents were behind me from the start, and bought me my first violin when I was just 3 years old.* | *Maisha struggled for years trying to make it as an artist, but her husband, Rudy, was always behind her.* | **be behind sb all the way** (=be ready to continue supporting them until they succeed) *Just do your best and remember that we are behind you all the way.*

**back sb up** /,bæk (sb) 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to support someone by saying that you agree with them or by giving information that shows they are right: *I was relying on you to back me up, why didn't you?* | *Eventually, after my impassioned pleas, backed up by my mother, Dad agreed to let me go to the concert.*

**throw your weight behind** /θrəʊ jɔːr 'weɪt br'haɪnd/ [v phrase] to use all your influence and ability to make sure a person, group, or plan is successful: *Faced with a crisis, the Party united and threw its full weight behind the President.* | *Please throw your full weight behind us in our fund raising effort.*

## 4 the money or help that you give when you support someone

- ▶ support
- ▶ backing

**support** /sə'pɔːt/ [n U] the help and encouragement that you give to someone when you want them to succeed: *I couldn't have finished my degree without the support of my family.* | **financial support** (=money given to support something) *Private companies should not rely on financial support from the government.*

**backing** /'bækɪŋ/ [n U] money or practical help given to support a person or plan, especially by a government or other powerful group: *Does this policy have government backing?* | *The company failed to get sufficient financial backing, and never got off the ground.* | **+ of** *Chairman Robert Eaton said he has the backing of the vast majority of the company's major shareholders.*



## 5 to support someone against someone else

- ▶ be on sb's side
- ▶ take sides
- ▶ side with

**be on sb's side** /bi: ɒn (sb's) 'saɪd/ [v phrase] to support one person or group against another in an argument, war etc: *Why did you keep agreeing with them? I thought you were on my side.* | *With most of the newspapers on their side, they have a good chance of winning the election.* | *Whose side are you on?*

**side with** /'saɪd wið/ [phr v T not in passive] to support one person or group against another in an argument, especially in a way that seems unfair: *Why do you always side with Lucy?* | **side with sb against sb** *You wouldn't expect the union to side with the employers against their own members, would you?*

**take sides** /,teɪk 'saɪdz/ [v phrase] to support one of the two sides in an argument when it would be fairer not to support either of them: *I don't mind you two arguing, but don't ask me to take sides.* | *The chairwoman managed to stimulate a lively debate without taking sides herself.*

## 6 to persuade someone to support you

- ▶ enlist support
- ▶ drum up support

**enlist support** /ɪn,lɪst sə'pɔ:t/ [v phrase not in passive] formal to talk to people and persuade them to support you **enlist the support of** *Should you attempt to take your employer to court alone, or enlist the support of your trade union?* | + **for** *He spent the whole month enlisting support for his reforms.* | + **from** *The Labour Party hoped to enlist support from the middle classes by promising not to raise income tax.*

**drum up support** /,drʌm ʌp sə'pɔ:t/ [v phrase not in passive] to try to get a lot of people to support you: *Pop stars and TV personalities were brought in to publicize the campaign and drum up support.* | + **for** *Drumming up support for a children's play group proved harder than she had expected.*

## to stop sb/sth from falling down

## 7 to support something or someone so that they do not fall down

- ▶ support
- ▶ hold up
- ▶ bear
- ▶ carry
- ▶ take sb's/sth's weight
- ▶ prop up
- ▶ shore up

**support** /sə'pɔ:t/ [v T] Unfortunately, the branch was too weak to support his weight. | The ceiling was supported by huge stone columns. | *Sitting at a table in the coffee shop, her chin supported by her hands, she was deep in thought.* | *Her body was so weak that she had to be supported by two nurses.* — **support** [n U] *The bridge fell down because it didn't have enough support.* — **supporting** [adj only before noun] *The roof was held up by supporting beams that ran right through my attic bedroom.*

**hold up** /,həʊld 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to support the weight of something and prevent it from falling down. **Hold up** is more informal than **support** **hold up sth** *We*

*can't knock that wall down. It's the one that holds up the house.* | *These poles hold up the outer part of the tent.* | **hold sth up** *Why don't we use some of these pieces of wood to hold it up?* | *The only thing holding the wall up was a frail-looking section of scaffolding.*

**bear** /beə/ [v T] formal to support all the weight of something, especially something heavy: *The baby's narrow neck looked too fragile to bear the weight of its head.* | *The tunnel would have needed to be extremely strong to bear the full weight of the earth above.*

**carry** /'kæri/ [v T] if something carries a particular weight, it is able to support it, especially because it has been designed to: *The bridge could only carry up to two cars at a time.* | *The pillars have been specially strengthened in order to carry the weight of the new ceiling.* | *Front tyres tend to go down more quickly than back ones, because they carry more weight.*

**take sb's/sth's weight** /,teɪk (sb's/sth's) 'wert/ [v phrase] to support the weight of someone or something – use this especially to say whether or not something is strong enough to do this: *I hope the ice is strong enough to take my weight.* | *I'm not sure if this table can take the weight of all these books.*

**prop up** /,prɒp 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to stop something from falling by putting something else against it or under it **prop up sth** *The builders have propped up the walls with steel beams.* | **prop sth up** *I sat down and propped my feet up on the edge of the desk.*

**shore up** /,ʃɔ:r 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to support something such as a wall or a building that has been damaged or is in bad condition by putting big pieces of wood or metal against it **shore up sth** *The fence was shored up with sheets of old iron.* | **shore sth up** *Our huts were falling down, so we used branches to shore them up.*

## 8 to use something to support yourself

- ▶ lean
- ▶ rest
- ▶ prop yourself up
- ▶ support yourself
- ▶ for support

**lean** /li:n/ [v I/T] to support your body or part of your body by putting it on or against a surface such as a wall or a table + **against** *Joe was leaning against the school wall, smoking a cigarette.* | + **on** *She leaned on the railings and looked out at the sea.* | **lean your head/arms/elbows etc on** *It's sometimes considered bad manners to lean your elbows on the table when you're eating.* | **lean back on/against sth** *I leaned back on the pillows and closed my eyes.*

**rest** /rest/ [v I/T] to support your body or part of your body by putting it lightly on or against something + **on** *Her head rested gently on his shoulder.* | *John rested his head on the back of the car-seat.* | + **against** *I rested against a wall for a minute in order to tie up my shoe laces.*

**prop yourself up** /,prɒp jɔ:rsɛlf 'ʌp/ [v phrase] to help yourself stand or sit straight by supporting your body against something, especially when you are ill or injured: *The soldier tried to prop himself up again using his crutches.* | + **against/on** *I propped myself up against a wall and took a deep breath.*

**support yourself** /sə'pɔ:t jɔ:rsɛlf/ [v phrase] to prevent yourself from falling by using a stick or by holding onto someone or something, especially because you are injured or weak: *They walked out together, the old man supporting himself with his stick.* | *Jessica managed to support herself by putting her arm around Gary's neck.*



**for support** /fər sə'pɔːrt/ [adv] if you use something such as a stick or another person **for support**, you use it or hold onto them in order to prevent yourself from falling: *As he fell over he grabbed at the table for support.* | *She moved towards Andrew, seeking his arm for support.* | *He's able to walk around on his own now, although he has to use a cane for support.*

## 9 something that is used to support something else

▶ support

▶ prop

**support** /sə'pɔːrt/ [n C] an object or structure that is used to **support** the weight of something else: *Tall plants need supports to stop them being blown down.* | *The supports for the roof had fallen down, and the roof hung down on one side.*

**prop** /prɒp/ [n C] a wooden stick or other object that is placed under something to support it: *The pit props were placed only a foot or two apart, to support a mile of rock above them.* | *The clothes prop had fallen down, and the washing was trailing in the mud.*

# sure/not sure

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ make sure *see* **check**
- ▶ *see also* **know/not know, certainly/definitely**

## WHAT'S HERE

- **sure** see **1 to 2**
- **not sure** see **3 to 5**

## sure

### 1 when you feel sure about something

- |                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| ▶ <b>sure</b>          | ▶ <b>satisfied</b>           |
| ▶ <b>certain</b>       | ▶ <b>confident</b>           |
| ▶ <b>positive</b>      | ▶ <b>I bet</b>               |
| ▶ <b>convinced</b>     | ▶ <b>must</b>                |
| ▶ <b>have no doubt</b> | ▶ <b>can't</b>               |
| ▶ <b>know</b>          | ▶ <b>I'd put money on it</b> |

**sure** /ʃʊər/ [adj not before noun] if you are **sure** about something, you believe that it is definitely true or correct: *'The car was a BMW' 'Are you sure?'* | **+ (that)** *I'm surprised she isn't here – I was sure she would come.* | *Are you quite sure that he understood your instructions?* | **+ about** *I think children are influenced by these films, but it's impossible to be sure about this.* | **+ of** *You need to be sure of your facts before making any accusations.* | **pretty sure** *I'm pretty sure Barbara still works here.* | **absolutely sure** *We do not believe this is the body of the missing girl, but we have to check to be absolutely sure.*

**certain** /'sɜːrtɪn/ [adj not before noun] completely sure that something is true **+ (that)** *Are you certain you didn't leave your keys at home?* | **+ about** *He was certain about one thing – she would come back one day.* | **+ of** *She won't let you borrow the car – I'm certain of that.* | **absolutely certain** *Don't stop looking until you're absolutely certain you've found the place you want.*

**positive** /'pɒzɪtɪv/ [adj not before noun] especially spoken completely sure that something is true – use

this especially when other people are saying it might not be true: *'Are you sure you locked the door?'* *'Yes, I'm positive.'* | **+ (that)** *She said she was positive the exam was next Tuesday.* | **absolutely positive** *I'm absolutely positive I haven't made a mistake.*

**convinced** /kən'vɪnst/ [adj not before noun] sure that something is true, even when you cannot prove it **+ (that)** *We've had no news of him, but we're convinced he's still alive.* | *She became convinced that her boyfriend was seeing someone else.* | **+ of** *Brown's wife was convinced of his innocence.*

**have no doubt** /hæv ,nəʊ 'daʊt/ [v phrase not in progressive] to be so certain about something that there are no doubts in your mind **+ (that)** *I've no doubt that his story is true.* | **+ about/of** *My boss told me he had no doubt about my abilities as a salesman.*

**know** /nəʊ/ [v I/T not in progressive] to have a strong feeling that something is right or true, although there may be nothing to prove **+ (that)** *Sally knew that she and Carl would be the best of friends.* | *I just know your mother will love this necklace.* | *As soon as the phone rang, we knew something terrible must have happened.* | **know it** *She's going to pass – I just know it!*

**satisfied** /'sætɪsfaɪd/ [adj not before noun] sure that you know the truth about something that has happened, because you have enough information **+ (that)** *Police are now satisfied that her death was an accident.*

**confident** /'kɒnfɪdənt/ [adj not before noun] sure that something good will happen, or that you will be able to achieve what you want: *'Do you think you'll win tomorrow's game?'* – *'Well, we're all feeling pretty confident.'* | **+ (that)** *Doctors are confident that he'll make a full recovery.* | **+ of** *A spokesman said the government was confident of winning the vote and would not discuss the possibility of defeat.*

**I bet** /aɪ 'bet/ spoken informal say this when you feel sure that something is true **+ (that)** *I bet you're tired after such a long journey.* | *I bet she hasn't told her parents about this.*

**must** /məst, (strong) mʌst/ [modal verb] especially spoken if you say that something **must** be true or **must** have happened, you are sure about it, because of information you have or things you have noticed that make it seem very likely: *You must remember Sally Newton. She was in our French class.* | **must have** *Kim didn't answer when I called – she must have gone to bed.* | *She didn't get into movies just because her mother was a famous actress, but it must have helped.*

**can't** /kɑːnt/ [modal verb] especially spoken if you say that something **can't** be true or **can't** have happened, you are sure that it is not true or has not happened: *He says he's 21 but he can't be older than 18.* | **can't have** *She can't have gone to bed yet – it's only 8 o'clock.* | *If you failed that exam you can't have worked very hard.*

**I'd put money on it** /aɪd pʊt 'mʌni ɒn ɪt/ you say **I'd put money on it** when you are so sure of something that you would be willing to take the chance of losing money if you were wrong: *'Do you really think the president will win again?'* *'I'd put money on it.'*

### 2 to make someone sure about something

▶ convince

▶ *see also* **persuade**

**convince** /kən'vɪns/ [v T] to make someone sure about something, especially when this is difficult to



do: *Our new policy on tax reform will certainly help the economy. The only problem will be convincing the voters.* | **convince sb (that)** *The discovery of a body finally convinced Mrs Hayes that her son was dead.* | *I had tried to convince my company's president that these ideas were viable.* | **convince sb of sth** *How many more deaths will it take to convince the authorities of the need to test drugs more thoroughly?*

## not sure

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **know/not know**

### 3 not sure if something is true or if something will happen

- ▶ **not sure**
- ▶ **not certain**
- ▶ **not know**
- ▶ **unsure/uncertain**
- ▶ **doubt**
- ▶ **wonder**

**not sure** /nɒt 'ʃʊər/ [adj phrase not before noun] *'What time does the film start?' 'I think it's 8.30, but I'm not sure.'* | + **how/whether/when etc** *I'm not sure where she lives.* | *I'm not sure how long it will take the bus to get there.* | + **about** *If you're not sure about the meaning of a word, look it up in a dictionary.* | + **of** *Use the 'Filesearch' function if you are not sure of the name of a file.* | **can't be sure** spoken (=when you think something is true, but you are not completely sure) *I can't be sure, but I think I saw Maggie coming out of the hospital this morning.*

**not certain** /nɒt 'sɜːrtn/ [adj phrase not before noun] not sure about something. **Not certain** is more formal than **not sure**: *The man you're looking for could be Keith, but I'm not certain.* | + **about** *I'm not certain about what time the buses come – I usually cycle.* | + **how/why/where etc** *I'm really not certain how much fuel we've got left.*

**not know** /nɒt 'nəʊ/ [v phrase] to not be at all sure if something is true or if something will happen: *'How old is she?' 'Oh, I don't know – fifty, fifty-five?'* | + **if/whether/how etc** *I phoned her but I don't know if she got my message.* | *We do not know whether the lake is safe for swimming in.* | **not know for sure** especially spoken *It could be this week but it might be much later. We don't know for sure.*

**unsure/uncertain** /ʌn'ʃʊər, ʌn'sɜːrtn/ [adj not before noun] **Unsure** and **uncertain** are more formal than **not sure** and **not certain**. + **about** *I'm still a bit unsure about how to use this software.* | + **of** *Many workers are still unsure of their rights.* | + **who/what/whether etc** *David decided to become a teacher but was uncertain which subject to specialize in.*

**doubt** /daʊt/ [n C/U] a feeling of not being sure whether something is true or correct + **about** *There are still some doubts about her suitability for the job.* | + **as to** *There seems to be some doubt as to what warnings were given.*

**wonder** /'wʌndər/ [v I/T not in progressive] to think about something that you are not sure about, and try to guess what is true, what will happen, etc: *He says he's had no formal training but when you see how good his work is, you start to wonder.* | + **if/how/whether etc** *I wonder if she'll recognize me after all these years.* | *He wondered whether he would be able to find the hotel again.*

### 4 not sure if you should do something or if something is good or right

- ▶ **have doubts**
- ▶ **have reservations**
- ▶ **have misgivings**
- ▶ **have mixed feelings**
- ▶ **be dubious**
- ▶ **hesitant**
- ▶ **waver**

**have doubts** /hæv 'daʊts/ [v phrase not in progressive] to not be sure whether you should do something or whether it is good or right: *Peter promised that it was all for the best, but I still had doubts.* | + **about** *Any doubts Jo had about marrying him soon disappeared.* | **have your doubts** *We had our doubts about the car's reliability from the start.*

**have reservations** /hæv ,rezər'veɪʃənz/ [v phrase not in progressive] to feel that some things about a plan, idea etc are not good or right, so that you think there may be problems or difficulties: *I know you're very keen to move to the US, but I'm afraid I still have reservations.* | + **about** *Many teachers are likely to have reservations about the new tests.*

**have misgivings** /hæv mɪs'grɪvɪnz/ [v phrase] to not be sure whether something is good or right, because you are worried about what will happen if it is done: *We didn't try to stop our son from joining the army, but we both had misgivings.* | + **about** *Even the government's most loyal supporters have misgivings about changes to the education system.* | **have serious misgivings** (=be very unsure) *At the time, many doctors had serious misgivings about the new treatment.*

**have mixed feelings** /hæv ,mɪkst 'fiːlɪnz/ [v phrase not in progressive] to be unable to say that something is definitely good or right, because there are both good and bad things about it: *I have very mixed feelings – I want to travel but I know I'll miss my family.* | + **about** *She had mixed feelings about her daughter getting married so young.*

**be dubious** /biː 'djuːbiəs/-'duː-/ [v phrase] to be not sure whether you should do something, because you can think of ways in which it could go wrong: *I was a bit dubious at first, but the water looked cool and inviting, so I dived in.* | + **about** *Most universities are dubious about accepting students over the age of 30.*

**hesitant** /'hezɪtənt/ [adj not usually before noun] someone who is **hesitant** is nervous or unsure about doing something, and therefore pauses before doing it or does it slowly and without confidence: *He was a little hesitant at first, but soon he had told her everything.* | + **about** *I was hesitant about approaching the boss directly.* | + **to do sth** *It is not surprising that the government was hesitant to introduce such major reforms.* — **hesitantly** [adv] *The boy spoke slowly and hesitantly, unsure whether or not to trust us.*

**waver** /'weɪvər/ [v I] to not make a definite decision because you have doubts + **between** *Maya wavered between accepting and refusing his offer.* | + **about** *If people have been wavering about giving the police information, this could be the thing to make them come forward.*

### 5 to make someone feel unsure about something

- ▶ **make sb unsure/uncertain**
- ▶ **raise doubts**
- ▶ **it makes you wonder**

**make sb unsure/uncertain** /meɪk (sb) ʌn'ʃʊər, ʌn'sɜːrtn/ [v phrase] + **about** *The news about*



the bomb made me uncertain about travelling to the area. | + of Her previous experiences made her very unsure of the wisdom of marrying again.

**raise doubts** /,reɪz 'daʊts/ [v phrase] to make people become unsure about something they were previously fairly sure about: *I don't want to raise too many doubts, but I wonder whether he's really fit for the job.* | + **about/over** Her report has raised doubts about the likely success of this project. | **raise doubts in sb's mind** The new evidence raised doubts in the minds of jury members.

**it makes you wonder** /ɪt ,meɪks ju: 'wʌndə/ especially spoken use this to say that something makes you unsure about a previous belief: *They obviously know each other. It makes you wonder.* | + **if/whether etc** So many people believe in astrology, it makes you wonder if it's all true. | *His behaviour after hearing my news made me wonder if he knew more than he had told me.*

## surface

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **out/outside, edge, side, middle, top**

### 1 the outside part of an object

- ▶ **surface**
- ▶ **face**
- ▶ **side**
- ▶ **top**

**surface** /'sɜːrfɪs/ [n C] The plant has light green leaves with silver marks on their upper surfaces. | When using glue, make sure both surfaces are completely clean. | Half-empty glasses covered every flat surface in the room. | + **of** Exfoliators remove dead cells from the surface of your skin. | **work surface** (=a surface for preparing food etc) In a kitchen all work surfaces should be kept spotlessly clean.

**side** /saɪd/ [n C] one of the flat or upright surfaces of something such as a box, a piece of paper, or a shape with straight edges: *A cube has six sides.* | + **of** Please use both sides of the paper to write your answers. | The word FRAGILE was written on every side of the box in big, red letters. | I'll paint the other side of the fence after lunch.

**face** /feɪs/ [n C] one of the large steep sides of something such as a mountain, or one of the outside surfaces of a cube, a diamond etc + **of** There were many unsuccessful attempts to climb the North Face of Mount Everest. | One of the faces of the cube has a line across it. | **cliff/rock face** The cliff face was starting to crumble into the sea.

**top** /tɒp/ [n C] the flat upper surface of an object: *This jewellery box would be worth a lot of money if the top wasn't chipped.* | a dressing-table with a glass top | + **of** The top of the piano was covered with a lace cloth.

### 2 the top part of an area of water or land

- ▶ **surface**

**surface** /'sɜːrfɪs/ [n singular] The moon's surface is covered with rocks and dust. | She watched as the bubbles rose to the surface and popped. | + **of** Leaves floated on the surface of the pool. | The clay is about a metre below the surface of the soil.

## surprised/surprising

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ shocked by something bad that happens see **shocked/shocking**
- ▶ see also **expect/not expect**

### 1 surprised

- ▶ **surprised**
- ▶ **amazed**
- ▶ **astonished/astounded**
- ▶ **be taken aback**
- ▶ **startled**
- ▶ **flabbergasted**
- ▶ **can't get over**
- ▶ **can't believe**

**surprised** /səˈpraɪzd/ [adj] if you are **surprised** by something that happens, you do not expect it, so it seems strange or unusual: *I was really surprised when I passed my driving test first time.* | *Carrie looked surprised. 'I didn't expect to see you here!'* | *We couldn't help laughing at the children's surprised faces.* | + **to see/hear/learn etc** We were surprised to see Drew's picture in the newspaper. | + **(that)** I'm really surprised that he remembered my birthday. | + **at** When I saw him again, I was surprised at how much older he looked. | + **by** Julia seemed a little surprised by my question. | **pleasantly surprised** (=surprised when something unexpectedly good happens) His exam results were great – we were all very pleasantly surprised.

**amazed** /əˈmeɪzd/ [adj] use this about something that surprises you so much you almost cannot believe it: *Liz was amazed when she found out how much dinner had cost.* | + **that** I'm amazed that the bank keeps lending him money. | + **to see/learn/find out etc** We were amazed to see John looking so well, so soon after his operation. | + **at/by** She couldn't help feeling amazed at his stupidity. | + **by** You'll be amazed by how much progress we've made.

**astonished/astounded** /əˈstɒnɪʃt/ [adj] extremely surprised by something that happens, because it is very unusual or strange: *Mark was astonished when he read the message – what on earth could she mean?* | *We climbed out of the hole right in front of two astounded policemen.* | + **(that)** It was an extremely nasty accident and I was astonished that anyone had survived it. | + **at/by** Everton admits to being astounded at the popularity of the book. | + **to hear/see/discover etc** The whole town was astounded to hear of a plan to build an office building right next to the lake.

**be taken aback** /biː ˈteɪkən əˈbæk/ [v phrase] to be so surprised or shocked by what someone has done or said that, for a moment, you do not know what to say: *I was taken aback to find an elderly woman sitting inside the door of the men's room.* | + **by** I was completely taken aback by his aggressive and unreasonable attitude.

**startled** /ˈstɑːrtld/ [adj] especially written surprised and a little frightened or worried because of something that has suddenly happened or something that someone said: *'Have we met somewhere before?' The man looked startled for a moment.* | + **by** They were startled by a sudden flash in the sky.

**flabbergasted** /ˈflæbəˈɡɑːstɪd/-gæs-/ [adj] informal so surprised by something that has happened that you do not know what to say: *The delivery men just left the furniture in my front yard. I was flabber-*



*gasted.* | + **at/by** Doctors said they were flabbergasted at the decision to close the hospital.

**can't get over** /,kɑːnt get 'əʊvər/, kænt-/ [v phrase] if you **can't get over** something that has happened, you are so surprised by it that you cannot believe it: *Madge couldn't get over how much Joe had grown since she'd last seen him.* | *I can't get over how much she eats – why doesn't she gain any weight?*

**can't believe** /,kɑːnt bɪ'liːv/, kænt-/ [v phrase] especially spoken say this when you are very surprised by something because it does not seem possible **can't believe it** *I can't believe it! Jane and Richard are getting married.* | **can't believe (that)** *She was a brilliant pianist – we couldn't believe she was only 15.* | **can't believe your eyes/ears** *The letter invited me to fly first class to New York for an interview on Monday – I could not believe my eyes!*

## 2 a feeling of being surprised

- ▶ surprise
- ▶ astonishment
- ▶ amazement

**surprise** /sə'praɪz/ [n U] **sb's surprise** You can imagine my surprise when I saw my sister's photograph on a magazine cover. | + **at** I expressed some surprise at the elaborate welcome which had been prepared for me. | **in/with surprise** Sam stared at his girlfriend in surprise. 'What are you doing here?' he asked. | **to sb's surprise/to the surprise of sb** To everyone's complete surprise, the Labour Party lost the election.

**amazement** /ə'meɪzmənt/ [n U] a feeling of great surprise, especially because something has happened that you almost cannot believe **in/with amazement** Fans looked on in amazement as Robins missed a third goal for the team. | Nina looked at me with amazement. 'I don't believe you,' she said. | **to sb's amazement/to the amazement of sb** To our amazement, when we returned to China, the Moso tree had grown an impressive ninety feet.

**astonishment** /ə'stɒnɪʃmənt/ə'staː-/ [n U] a feeling of great surprise, especially at something you have seen or something someone has told you: You should have seen the look of astonishment on his face! | **in/with astonishment** Everyone gasped in astonishment as the cars came around the last bend. | **to sb's astonishment/to the astonishment of sb** To everyone's astonishment, more than 100 people volunteered to help that day.

## 3 so surprised that you cannot speak

- ▶ speechless
- ▶ be lost for words/be at a loss for words
- ▶ dumbfounded/dumbstruck
- ▶ gobsmacked

**speechless** /'spiːtʃləs/ [adj not before noun] so surprised, by something very good or very bad, that you do not know what to say: *When I told him I was pregnant, he was totally speechless.* | *Brian's remark left his boss speechless with anger.*

**be lost for words/be at a loss for words** /biː lɒst fər 'wɜːrds/, biː ət ə lɒs fər 'wɜːrds/ [v phrase] to feel so surprised and full of emotion that you are unable to speak: *She rang me and told me that Tom had died. For once in my life I was lost for words.* | *When I saw the devastation from our window in the morning, I was at a loss for words.*

**dumbfounded/dumbstruck** /dʌm'faʊndɪd, 'dʌmstrʌk/ [adj] so surprised by something unexpected that has happened that you are confused and

unable to speak: *I just remember feeling dumbstruck when I heard that John Lennon was dead.* | *Suddenly the stewardess started screaming while the passengers watched, dumbfounded.*

**gobsmacked** /'gɒbsmækt/ 'gɑːb-/ [adj not before noun] British informal so surprised that you cannot speak: 'How did you feel when you heard that your wife was expecting triplets?' 'Gobsmacked – absolutely gobsmacked.'

## 4 to make someone surprised

- ▶ surprise
- ▶ be a surprise/come as a surprise
- ▶ amaze
- ▶ astonish/astound
- ▶ take sb by surprise

**surprise** /sə'praɪz/ [v T] Diana's reaction surprised him – he hadn't realized that she was so upset. | The exam was actually quite easy, which surprised me. | **what surprises sb is** What surprised me most was how cheap everything was compared to at home. | **it surprises sb that** I have to say, it surprises me that they haven't gone bankrupt before now. | **surprise yourself** (=do something that you thought you could not do, so that you are surprised) Why don't you just have a go at skiing? You might surprise yourself.

**be a surprise/come as a surprise** /biː ə sə'praɪz, kʌm əz ə sə'praɪz/ [v phrase] if something is a surprise, or if it comes as a surprise, it surprises you: 'Bob and Linda are getting divorced.' 'That's a surprise – they seemed like the perfect couple.' | The firing of the team's star pitcher came as a surprise to fans and sports writers alike. | **a complete surprise** (=a big surprise) My brother's sudden visit home was a complete surprise. | + **to sb** The announcement of his resignation was a complete surprise to everyone in the office. | **it comes as a surprise to see/learn/find etc** It comes as a surprise to learn what a high rate of illiteracy there is in this country.

**amaze** /ə'meɪz/ [v T not usually in progressive] to make someone feel extremely surprised, especially because something is very hard to believe: *Dave amazed his friends by leaving a well-paid job to travel around the world.* | **it amazes sb that** It amazes me that no-one has thought of the idea sooner.

**astonish/astound** /ə'stɒnɪʃ/ə'staː-, ə'staʊnd/ [v T not usually in progressive] to make someone feel extremely surprised: *My father's reaction astounded me. How could he be so calm!* | *Tammy astonished her doctors by learning to walk again within weeks of the accident.* | *They astounded audiences with their fanciful costumes and their fascinating tales.* | **what astonishes/astounds sb is** What astonishes me is how incredibly inefficient so many companies seem to be.

**take sb by surprise** ALSO **catch sb by surprise** American /,teɪk (sb) baɪ sə'praɪz, kætʃ (sb) baɪ sə'praɪz/ [v phrase] if something takes you by surprise, it happens at a time when you are not expecting it: *The President's resignation took everyone by surprise.* | *The vehemence of her response took me by surprise.*

## 5 making you feel surprised

- ▶ surprising
- ▶ amazing
- ▶ astonishing/astounding
- ▶ unbelievable/incredible
- ▶ unexpected
- ▶ startling
- ▶ staggering
- ▶ mind-boggling

**surprising** /sə'praɪzɪŋ/ [adj] A surprising number of teenagers leave school without being able to read



and write. | Some of the conclusions in the report were quite surprising. | **it is surprising (that)** Wasn't it surprising that so few people came to the party? | **it is surprising to see/find/learn etc** In such a small town it was surprising to find so many really good restaurants. | **it is surprising how/what etc** Liddy really didn't want to change school, but it was surprising how quickly she got used to the new one. — **surprisingly** [adv] The hotel was surprisingly cheap. | Surprisingly, the roof is still in good condition since the storms.

**amazing** /ə'meɪzɪŋ/ [adj] very surprising – use this especially about something very good or impressive: Hong Kong is an absolutely amazing city. | What an amazing achievement! | **it is amazing how/what** It's amazing how much work you can do in a day if you put your mind to it. | **it is amazing that** After 2000 years, it's amazing that the inscriptions are still clear enough to read. | **it's amazing to see/find/think etc** Isn't it amazing to think that men have actually stood on the moon? — **amazingly** [adv] Chris was amazingly lucky to pass the exam. | Five cars crashed into each other, but amazingly no-one was hurt.

**astonishing/astounding** /ə'stɒnɪʃɪŋ/ə'staʊndɪŋ/ [adj] something that is **astonishing** or **astounding** is so surprising that it is difficult to believe: If you watch the way a spider makes its web, it's really astonishing. | The submarine was moving through the water at an astonishing speed. | The results of the tests were astounding. | In the area around London, house prices rose by an astounding 200 per cent in three years. | **it is astonishing/astounding that** It was astounding that, as a mother, Sally also managed to do two jobs. | **it is astonishing how/what** It's astonishing how much things have changed since the arrival of computers. | **it is astonishing to find/think/realize etc** Isn't it astonishing to think that people may one day live for hundreds of years?

**unbelievable/incredible** /ˌʌnbɪ'lɪ:vəbəl, ɪn-'kredɪbəl/ [adj] extremely surprising and difficult to believe: He's so rude. It's unbelievable! | Over the next two weeks, we saw an incredible change in her character. | **it is unbelievable/incredible that** They were driving much too fast. It's incredible that no-one was hurt. | **it is unbelievable how/what** I think it was really unbelievable how he went on deceiving her for all those years. | **it is unbelievable to see/think/realize etc** It's unbelievable to think how slow things were in the days before e-mail. — **unbelievably/incredibly** [adv] Throughout the crisis, Bill remained incredibly calm. | It was a fantastic hotel, and unbelievably cheap.

**unexpected** /ˌʌnɪk'spektɪd/ [adj] something that is **unexpected** makes you feel surprised because you did not expect it to happen or be true: Her decision to leave was completely unexpected. | The new drug comes from an unexpected source – potatoes. | Ella's angry outburst was so unexpected that Mike really didn't know what to say. — **unexpectedly** [adv] Phil arrived unexpectedly early, while we were still having lunch.

**startling** /'stɑːrtlɪŋ/ [adj] a **startling** fact is one that you would never have expected to be true: There has been a startling increase in the numbers of homeless people. | The programme documents startling new theories about the way the universe began.

**staggering** /'stægərɪŋ/ [adj] a **staggering** number or amount is very surprising because it is so large: Apparently, we spend a staggering £2.4 billion a year on food for our pets. | a staggering rise in crime | The results of the survey were staggering – over half

the children said that they went to school without any breakfast.

**mind-boggling** /'maɪnd ˌbɒɡlɪŋ-ˌbɑː-/ [adj] informal something that is **mind-boggling** is so big, strange, or complicated that it is almost impossible to imagine or believe: The amount of money that some countries spend on weapons is mind-boggling. | His salary is nothing compared to the mind-boggling figures earned by some sportsmen. | **it is mind-boggling to think/realize etc** It's mind-boggling to think that our solar system is only one among billions.

## 6 something that happens which surprises you

▶ surprise  
▶ shock

▶ surprise  
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**surprise** /sə'rpraɪz/ [n C] something that you did not expect, especially something nice **it is a surprise** It was a real surprise when Tony walked in. We thought he was still in America. | We've got Katie a bike for her birthday, but don't tell her – it's a surprise. | **a complete surprise** (=one that you did not expect at all) Anita didn't expect to get the job – it came as a complete surprise. | **as a surprise** Apparently her husband bought her the car as an anniversary surprise. | **what a surprise!** spoken Flowers? For me! What a lovely surprise!

**shock** /ʃɒk/ [n C] something bad or unpleasant that happens to you that you did not expect: 'The bill came to £500.' 'That must have been a shock.' | **get a shock** We got a terrible shock when the police rang to say that they had arrested our daughter. | **give sb a shock** It gave me a shock when I realized how close I had come to being killed.

**surprise** /sə'rpraɪz/ [adj only before noun] happening unexpectedly so that people are surprised: Josh's friends gave him a surprise party to celebrate his 21st birthday. | The US were concerned about the possibility of a surprise attack by air or by sea. | Later, there was a surprise appearance by Schwarzenegger himself.

**shock** /ʃɒk/ [adj only before noun] unpleasantly surprising because the result is different from what you expected: Liverpool suffered a shock defeat at Halifax last night, beaten by five goals to nil. | The chairman made a shock announcement that 500 employees would lose their jobs.

## 7 not surprising

▶ not surprising/  
hardly surprising  
▶ be no surprise/  
come as no surprise

▶ I'm not surprised  
▶ no wonder

**not surprising/hardly surprising** /ˌnɒt sə'rpraɪzɪŋ, ˌhɑːrdli sə'rpraɪzɪŋ/ if something is **not surprising** or **hardly surprising**, you are not surprised by it because the situation makes it very likely to happen: Now she's frightened to go out at night, which is hardly surprising after what happened to her. | **it is not surprising/hardly surprising (that)** It's not surprising that you're tired – you've been out every night this week. — **not surprisingly** [adv] Not surprisingly, she was very annoyed when he didn't turn up.

**be no surprise/come as no surprise** /biː ˌnəʊ sə'rpraɪz, ˌkʌm əz ˌnəʊ sə'rpraɪz/ [v phrase] if something is **no surprise** or **comes as no surprise**, you are not surprised when it happens,



because you expected it to happen **it is no surprise/it comes as no surprise** *It came as no surprise when President Santos announced his resignation.* | *Both Jade's parents are doctors so it was no surprise when she went to medical school.* | + **that** *After years of struggle, it came as no surprise that the company went bankrupt.* | + **to** *It was no surprise to anyone when they finally said that they were getting a divorce.*

**I'm not surprised** /aɪm, nɒt sə'rpraɪzd/ spoken say this when you are not surprised about something bad that has happened because you can clearly see the reasons for it: *'I'm starving.'* *'I'm not surprised, you haven't eaten all day.'* | + **(that)** *I'm not surprised that she's fed up with him.*

**no wonder** /nəʊ 'wʌndər/ spoken say this when you realize the reason why something happened, so that it is not surprising any more: *No wonder my camera wasn't working – there's no battery in it!*

## survive

to continue to live or exist in spite of accidents, illnesses, or serious difficulties

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **alive**, **accident**, **illness/disease**, **war**

### 1 to not die in spite of an accident, illness, or war

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| ▶ <b>survive</b>      | ▶ <b>escape</b>  |
| ▶ <b>survivor</b>     | ▶ <b>live</b>    |
| ▶ <b>stay alive</b>   | ▶ <b>make it</b> |
| ▶ <b>pull through</b> | ▶ <b>last</b>    |

**survive** /sə'rvaɪv/ [v I/T not in passive] *Only 12 of the 140 passengers on the plane survived.* | *Doctors predicted that the baby would not survive with such severe disabilities.* | *My grandmother wouldn't survive another operation.* | *Not many of the insects survive the winter.* — **survival** [n U] *Chemical pollution is threatening the survival of many species of wildlife.*

**survivor** /sə'rvaɪvər/ [n C] someone who has survived an accident, war, illness etc: *So far rescue workers have found no sign of any survivors.* | *Survivors of the accident were rushed to the nearest hospital.* | **sole survivor** (=the only survivor) *An eight-month-old baby girl was the sole survivor of a car crash that killed both her parents.*

**stay alive** /,steɪ ə'laɪv/ [v phrase] to continue to live and not die when you are in a very dangerous situation, for example in a war or when you have very little food: *They managed to stay alive by eating roots and berries.* | *We had to ignore the terrible things going on around us, and just concentrate on staying alive.*

**pull through** /,pʊl 'θru:/ [phr v I] to survive and get better after having a very serious illness or injury: *I was so ill that the doctors weren't sure if I was going to pull through.* | *The first few days after the accident were awful, and everyone was just praying he'd pull through.*

**escape** /ɪ'skeɪp/ [v I/T] to survive after being involved in a serious accident, especially because of good luck: *The driver was killed but his passenger escaped with only a few scratches.* | **escape injury/death etc** *The family escaped injury when a fire gutted their two-bedroom apartment.* | **narrowly escape** (=only just escape) *The prime minister narrowly*

*escaped a terrorist bomb in 1999.* — **escape** [n C] *The fireman said they'd had a very lucky escape.*

**live** /lɪv/ [v I not in progressive] if you say that someone will **live**, you mean that they will survive, even though they have a very serious illness, injury etc: *One of the victims has severe burns and is not expected to live.* | **live or die** *Our baby was in the intensive care unit, and we didn't know whether she would live or die.* | **live to tell the tale/live to tell about it** (=survive a very dangerous experience, so that you are able to tell people about it afterwards) *There were ten in the lifeboat, but only three lived to tell the tale.*

**make it** /'meɪk ɪt/ [v phrase not in progressive] informal to survive when you are in a very dangerous situation or when you have a very serious illness: *At one point I was so exhausted and weak that I didn't think I was going to make it.* | *I was surprised she had made it through the night.*

**last** /lɑːst/læst/ [v I/T] if someone lasts a period of time, they continue to live during that period, even though they have a very serious illness or injury: *His breathing was getting worse and he was not expected to last the night.* | *It's amazing that she's managed to last this long, really.*

### 2 when something continues to exist in spite of difficulties

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| ▶ <b>survive</b>      | ▶ <b>stay afloat</b> |
| ▶ <b>come through</b> |                      |

**survive** /sə'rvaɪv/ [v I/T] *Many of the small, independent businesses are struggling to survive.* | *Only a few of Leonardo's earlier paintings still survive.* | *Our friendship has survived the bad times and has grown stronger.* | *The Cathedral survived repeated bombings during the Second World War.* — **survival** [n U] *The survival of the president's plans to cut taxes remains in doubt.* — **surviving** [adj only before noun] *The museum possesses the only surviving manuscript of Cicero's letters.*

**come through** /,kʌm 'θru:/ [phr v I/T] to survive a period of great difficulty: *If we can come through this crisis, the company's future looks bright.* | *The German team were in deep trouble at the beginning of the match but in the end they came through.*

**stay afloat** /,steɪ ə'flaʊt/ [v phrase] if a company **stays afloat**, it continues to survive in spite of difficult financial problems that may force it to close: *Ever since we started the business two years ago, we've been struggling to stay afloat.*

### 3 to continue to live your normal life in spite of problems

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| ▶ <b>survive</b>  | ▶ <b>come through</b> |
| ▶ <b>survivor</b> | ▶ <b>get through</b>  |

**survive** /sə'rvaɪv/ [v I/T] *The program provides homeless kids with the basics they need to survive: food, shelter, and health care.* | *Liz Taylor has survived several broken marriages, as well as periods of drug and alcohol addiction.* | *I don't think I could survive another year as a teacher. It's just too stressful.*

**survivor** /sə'rvaɪvər/ [n C] someone who is used to dealing with great personal problems and difficulties and is able to survive them: *As more is revealed, the audience begins to see Wendy as a survivor rather than a victim.* | **a born survivor** (=someone who seems to have a natural ability to survive difficul-



ties) *Although she's had an extremely hard life, Tina Turner is a born survivor.*

**come through** /ˌkʌm 'θruː/ [phr v I/T] to successfully deal with a very difficult problem or experience and be able to continue with your normal life after it: *She's had problems before and she's always come through.* | *Some children come through their parents' divorcing better than others.*

**get through** /ˌget 'θruː/ [phr v I/T] to succeed in reaching the end of a very difficult period or experience: *It was not an easy time for Tracy but her friends helped her get through.* | *'Oh Jane, how will I ever get through this?' she said, and the tears started flowing again.*

## 4 to continue to live a normal life even though you have very little money

- ▶ survive
- ▶ get by
- ▶ live on
- ▶ make ends meet
- ▶ keep your head above water
- ▶ subsist on
- ▶ eke out a living/an existence

**survive** /sə'rvaɪv/ [v I] When I look at how much we spend on food, I wonder how unemployed people are able to survive. | **survive on £100 a week/a small income etc** *It's really difficult to survive on £120 a week in London.* | *I don't know how they expect me to survive on my salary.*

**get by** /ˌget 'baɪ/ [phr v I] to have enough money to buy the things you need to live: *We don't have a lot of money to spend on luxuries, but we get by.* | **get by on \$5 a day/a small income etc** *When I was at college I used to be able to get by on \$20 a week.*

**live on** /'lɪv ɒn/ [phr v I] if someone **lives on** a particular amount of money, this is all the money that they have to buy everything that they need: *How much do you need to live on?* | *\$35,000 a year sounds like a lot of money, but it's scarcely enough to live on in New York.*

**make ends meet** /meɪk ˌendz 'mi:t/ [v phrase] if it is difficult for you to **make ends meet**, it is difficult for you to pay for the things that you need in order to live: *Old people on pensions are finding it hard to make ends meet.* | *My mother had to work 12 hours a day in a factory just to make ends meet.*

**keep your head above water** /ki:p jɔːr ˌhed əbʌv 'wɔːtə/ [v phrase] to have just enough money to pay your debts or to avoid closing your business: *I'm just a pensioner, trying to keep my head above water.* | *Schools throughout the county are struggling to keep their heads above water.*

**subsist on** /səb'sɪst ɒn/ [v T] formal if someone **subsists on** a very small amount of money or a very small amount of food, this is all they have to live on: *They subsist on eggs and beans most of the time.* | **subsist on a dollar a day/a small income etc** *The workers are expected to subsist on a dollar a day.* — **subsistence** [adj] *They live just above subsistence level (=the lowest amount they need to live).*

**eke out a living/an existence** /i:k aʊt ə 'lɪvɪŋ, ən ɪg'zɪstəns/ [v phrase] to get just enough food or money to live on by doing a particular kind of work: *She eked out a living by selling firewood.* | *Farmers eked out a primitive existence on the dry, stony land.*

# suspect

## RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **accuse, crime**

## 1 to think that someone has done something wrong

- ▶ suspect
- ▶ suspicious
- ▶ suspicion
- ▶ have a sneaking suspicion
- ▶ have your suspicions
- ▶ smell a rat

**suspect** /sə'spekt/ [v T not in progressive] to think that someone is probably guilty of something illegal or dishonest: *Act naturally and no one will suspect you.* | **suspect sb of (doing) sth** *He had suspected her of lying for some time.* | *Both men had originally been suspected of Brown's murder.* | **suspect murder/foul play** (=suspect that there has been a murder) *A man has been found dead in his home and the police suspect foul play.* — **suspected** [adj only before noun] *The police or social services will investigate any suspected case of child abuse.* | *Six people were killed in a suspected arson attack on a hotel.*

**suspicious** /sə'spɪʃəs/ [adj] thinking that someone might be guilty of doing something wrong or dishonest, without being sure: *I started to get suspicious when I found a hotel bill in Sarah's pocket.* | **+ of** *The police were suspicious of Simpson because his story did not quite make sense.* | **+ about** *His employer became suspicious about the amount of money he was claiming for expenses.* | **suspicious mind** *You have a very suspicious mind, Mary. No, I had nothing to do with this.*

**suspicion** /sə'spɪʃən/ [n C/U] a feeling that someone is probably guilty of doing something wrong or dishonest: *I had no solid evidence, only vague suspicions.* | **+ of** *She had always had a deep suspicion of journalists and reporters.* | **deep suspicion** *'What's that behind your back?', Maria said with a look of deep suspicion.* | **arouse/cause suspicion** (=make people suspect you) *The money was taken out of the bank in small amounts so as not to arouse suspicion.* | **on suspicion of murder/theft etc** (=because the police suspect you are guilty of murder etc) *He's been arrested on suspicion of murder.*

**have a sneaking suspicion** /hæv ə ˌsni:kɪŋ sə'spɪʃən/ [v phrase not in progressive] to have a slight feeling that someone has done something wrong, without having any definite information **+ that** *I had a sneaking suspicion that my agent was not telling me the truth.*

**have your suspicions** /hæv jɔːr sə'spɪʃənz/ [v phrase not in progressive] to think you probably know who did something wrong: *I don't know for definite who stole the money, but I have my suspicions.*

**smell a rat** /ˌsmel ə 'ræt/ [v phrase not in progressive] informal to guess that someone is doing something bad or dishonest, even though you do not know exactly what it is: *We started to smell a rat when they asked for an extra £500 deposit.*

## 2 when something makes you suspect someone

- ▶ suspicious
- ▶ fishy
- ▶ shady



**suspicious** /sə'spiʃəs/ [adj] We thought his behaviour was suspicious and called the police immediately. | There was a suspicious silence as I opened the door. | The public have been asked to report anything suspicious at once. | **in suspicious circumstances** A full murder inquiry was launched after the company chairman died in suspicious circumstances. — **suspiciously** [adv] A man was seen acting suspiciously just before the break-in. | Anyone offered suspiciously cheap goods should contact the police.

**fishy** /'fiʃi/ [adj not before noun] informal something that is fishy or sounds fishy makes you suspect that something bad or dishonest is being done: Frank said there was nothing to worry about, but it all sounded very fishy to me. | There's something fishy about this business, if you ask me.

**shady** ALSO dodgy British informal /'ʃeɪdi, 'dɒdʒi/ [adj] **shady** deals and other activities seem to have something dishonest or illegal about them. A shady person is someone who seems likely to be involved in dishonest or illegal activities: We'd suspected for a while she was involved in something a bit shady. | He has been mixed up in a number of shady deals in the City. | His acceptance of a huge loan from a shady businessman looks suspicious to say the least.

### 3 someone who is suspected of doing something wrong

- ▶ suspect
- ▶ be under suspicion
- ▶ suspected

**suspect** /'sʌspekt/ [n C] someone who the police believe may have done something illegal: The police now have another name to add to their list of suspects. | **prime/chief suspect** (=the person that the police suspect more than anyone else) A 32-year-old man from London is the prime suspect in the murder investigation. | **murder/rape etc suspect** (=a person suspected of a particular crime) The murder suspect is in custody and will be charged soon.

**suspected** /sə'spektɪd/ [adj only before noun] **suspected criminal/terrorist/spy etc** someone who the police or government believe is a criminal: He was attacked at his home after confronting a suspected burglar. | They have succeeded in bringing many suspected terrorists to justice. | All opponents or suspected opponents of the military government are being detained.

**be under suspicion** /bi: ,ʌndər sə'spiʃən/ [v phrase] if someone is under suspicion, people believe they may have done something illegal or dishonest: Crates of whisky have been disappearing from the warehouse and a member of staff is under suspicion.

## sweat

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also hot, wet, exercise, weather

### 1 to sweat

- ▶ sweat
- ▶ perspire
- ▶ break out in a sweat/  
break into a sweat
- ▶ be pouring/  
dripping with sweat

**sweat** /swet/ [v I/T] when you sweat your skin becomes wet, because you are hot, nervous, ill etc:

You're sweating. Why don't you take your jacket off? | The heat from the lights was making her sweat and her make-up started to run. | **sweat profusely** (=sweat a lot) Sweating profusely and gripping the lectern, Anderson began his speech. | **sweat like a pig/sweat buckets** spoken (=sweat a lot) My God, it's hot in here – I'm sweating like a pig! | It was tough work. Within minutes we were all sweating buckets.

**perspire** /pə'rspiə/ [v I] formal to sweat: She felt hot and awkward and started to perspire. | He was perspiring. It showed on his forehead. | **perspire freely/profusely** (=perspire a lot) James, who was perspiring profusely, took out a handkerchief and mopped his brow.

**break out in a sweat/break into a sweat** /breɪk aʊt ɪn ə 'swet, breɪk ɪntu ə 'swet/ [v phrase] to start sweating, especially because you are nervous or afraid: I was terrified. My hands were shaking, and I broke out in a sweat. | 'It's got nothing to do with me,' she said, breaking into a sweat. | **break out in a cold sweat/break into a cold sweat** As the security guard approached, I broke into a cold sweat.

**be pouring/dripping with sweat** /bi: pɔːrɪŋ, dripiŋ wið 'swet/ [v phrase] to be sweating a lot: What on earth have you been doing? You're dripping with sweat! | Melissa was pouring with sweat, and her hair was stuck to her face.

### 2 the liquid that appears on your skin when you sweat

- ▶ sweat
- ▶ perspiration

**sweat** /swet/ [n U] He stopped working for a moment to wipe the sweat off his face. | I got sweat in my eyes and couldn't see. | **beads of sweat** (=drops of sweat) Beads of sweat appeared on her forehead and she trembled visibly.

**perspiration** /pə'spə'reɪʃən/ [n U] formal sweat: a deodorant that protects against perspiration all day long | To keep your body cool, wear cotton clothing that absorbs perspiration. | **beads of perspiration** (=drops of perspiration) Beads of perspiration trickled down my back.

### 3 covered in sweat

- ▶ sweaty
- ▶ be covered/  
drenched/soaked in  
sweat

**sweaty** /'sweti/ [adj] I'm all hot and sweaty. I think I'll take a shower. | He was a short fat guy with big sweaty hands. | The equipment manager collected the sweaty uniforms and took them down to the hotel laundry.

**be covered/drenched/soaked in sweat** ALSO be covered/drenched/soaked with sweat /bi: ,kʌvəd, ,drentʃt, ,səʊkt ɪn 'swet, -wið 'swet/ [v phrase] to be very wet because you have been sweating a lot: Ian came off the squash court covered in sweat. | I insist my cars have air conditioning – I hate arriving somewhere drenched with sweat.

## switch on or off

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also television/radio,  
computers/internet/email, machine,  
start, stop



## 1 to switch something on

- ▶ switch on
- ▶ turn on
- ▶ put on
- ▶ start
- ▶ get sth started/going
- ▶ set off
- ▶ activate
- ▶ set sth going
- ▶ push/press a button
- ▶ throw a switch

**switch on** /,swɪtʃ 'ɒn/ [phr v T] to make something start working, for example by pressing a button – use this about things that use electricity, for example lights, televisions, or computers **switch on sth** *Will you switch on the television?* | *I switched on the radio to listen to the news.* | **switch sth on** *Do you mind if I switch the light on?* | *Exhaust fumes come into the car when I switch on the air conditioner.*

**turn on** /tɜː'n 'ɒn/ [phr v T] to make something start working, for example by turning a tap or pressing a button – use this about things that use electricity, gas, or water **turn on sth** *He went into the bathroom and turned on the shower.* | *Use timers to turn on indoor lights while you are away.* | **turn sth on** *Do you want me to turn the lights on?*

**put on** /pʊt 'ɒn/ [phr v T] to make a light, radio etc start working **put the light/radio/TV/kettle etc on** *Eva put the kettle on to make a cup of coffee.* | *Put the light on, then we can see what we're doing.* | *It was so cold I put the heating back on.*

**start** ALSO **start up** /stɑːrt, 'stɑːrt 'ʌp/ [v T/phr v T] to make a car, engine, machine etc **start** working: *She started the car and backed slowly out of the garage.* | *Clean or replace the air filter before attempting to start the engine.*

**get sth started/going** /,get (sth) 'stɑːrtɪd, 'gəʊɪŋ/ [v phrase] **get a car/engine/machine etc started/going** to succeed in making a car etc start after having some difficulty: *I couldn't get my car started this morning.* | *He rebuilt the engine and finally got it going.* | *It took the repairman an hour to get the washing machine going again.*

**set off** /,set 'ɒf/ [phr v T] to do something to make a piece of equipment that warns you about something start **set off sth** *Someone accidentally set off the fire alarm.* | *Smoke alarms can be set off by smoke from cigarettes, cooking, and fireplaces.* | **set sth off** *The alarm is so sensitive that the slightest movement will set it off.*

**activate** /'æktɪveɪt/ [v T] to make a system start operating – use this especially in technical contexts: *The bomb's firing mechanism is activated by a time-clock.* | *The smoke activated the sprinkler system.*

**set sth going** /,set (sth) 'gəʊɪŋ/ [v phrase] to make a clock, toy, or other machine that does not have a power supply start moving: *Mr Carey wound up the old clock and gently set the pendulum going.* | *She pulled the lever that set the pump going and waited for the water.*

**push/press a button** /,pʊʃ, ,pres ə 'bʌtn/ [v phrase] to press a button which makes a machine start: *What happens when you press this button?* | *Somebody pushed the alarm button.*

**throw a switch** /θrəʊ ə 'swɪtʃ/ [v phrase] to pull a large control that switches on the electricity supply to something: *The Speaker of the House threw the switch for the Christmas tree lights in front of the Capitol building.*

## 2 to switch something off

- ▶ switch off
- ▶ turn off
- ▶ stop
- ▶ push/press a button
- ▶ put out
- ▶ turn out
- ▶ shut off/down
- ▶ unplug
- ▶ disconnect

**switch off** /,swɪtʃ 'ɒf/ [phr v T] to make something stop working, for example by pressing a button – use this about things that use electricity, for example, lights, televisions, or computers **switch off sth** *Always switch off your computer when you've finished.* | **switch sth off** *It's OK – I switched the TV off before I went out.*

**turn off** /tɜː'n 'ɒf/ [phr v T] to make something stop working, for example by pressing a button or turning a tap – use this about things that use electricity, gas, or water **turn off sth** *Would you turn off the heater before you go to bed?* | **turn sth off** *You forgot to turn the oven off!*

**stop** /stop||stɑ:p/ [v T] to make an engine or a machine **stop** working: *George stopped the engine and got out of the car.* | *We had to stop the pump and unblock it.*

**push/press a button** /,pʊʃ, ,pres ə 'bʌtn/ [v phrase] to press a button that makes a machine stop: *If you want it to stop, just press the red button.*

**put out** /,pʊt 'aʊt/ [phr v T] to switch a light off **put out sth** *Norma put out the light and went to sleep.* | **put sth out** *Could you put the lamp out in the bedroom, please?*

**turn out** /tɜː'n 'aʊt/ [phr v T] to make a light stop working by pressing a button: *Don't forget to turn out the lights when you go to bed, okay Annie?*

**shut off/down** /ʃʌt 'ɒf, 'daʊn/ [phr v T] if you **shut off** or **shut down** a machine, you make it stop operating: *The computer automatically shuts off the pump when no water is flowing.* | *The Department of Energy shut down the reactor because of safety considerations.*

**unplug** /ʌn'plʌg/ [v T] to remove the thing that connects a piece of electrical equipment to the main electricity supply, so that it is no longer connected to it: *Did you remember to unplug the kettle?* | *I was getting a lot of crank calls, so I started unplugging my phone at night.*

**disconnect** /,dɪskə'nekt/ [v T] formal to separate a piece of equipment from the main electricity or gas supply so that it is no longer connected to it: *Once a car has started, the engine would continue to run even if you disconnected the battery.*

## 3 when something is switched on

- ▶ on
- ▶ be switched on
- ▶ be turned on
- ▶ be running
- ▶ be going
- ▶ be working
- ▶ be ticking over

**on** /ɒn||ɔ:n, ɑ:n/ [adv/adj not before noun] if something is **on**, it is working – use this about lights, machines, and other things that use electricity, gas, or water: *Is the heating on?* | *I'm freezing.* | **leave sth on** *Did you leave the kitchen light on?* | **keep sth on** *In the winter, I keep the gas fire on all day.*

**be switched on** /biː ,swɪtʃt 'ɒn/ [v phrase] use this about things that use electricity, for example, machines, computers, or heating equipment: *A green light shows that the computer is switched on.* | *I don't think he has his cell phone switched on.* | *Have you checked that the power is switched on?*



**be turned on** /bi: 'tʃ:rnd 'ɒn/ [v phrase] use this about machines or about the electricity, gas, or water supply: *If the boiler fails to light, first check that the gas is turned on.* | *Is the switch turned on?*

**be running** /bi: 'rʌniŋ/ [v phrase] if an engine or a machine **is running**, it is working and its parts are moving: *Do not touch the machine while it is running.* | **leave sth running** *Nick left the engine running to warm it up, while he buckled the children into their car seats.*

**be going** /bi: 'gəʊiŋ/ [v phrase] especially spoken if a machine **is going**, it is working and its parts are moving: *The clock stopped during the night, but it's going again now.* | *The washing machine's going, I can hear it.*

**be working** /bi: 'wɜ:kɪŋ/ [v phrase] if a machine or piece of equipment **is working**, it has been switched on and is doing what it is supposed to do: *You mustn't open the lid while the sterilizer is working.* | *You can hear the pump in the refrigerator when it's working.*

**be ticking over** /bi: 'tɪkiŋ 'əʊvə/ [v phrase] British if an engine or a vehicle **is ticking over**, it is working just enough to be on, but at its lowest level: *The plane's engines were ticking over just enough to hold position in the air.* | *He left the car ticking over while he dashed into the house.*

#### 4 when something is switched off

- ▶ **off**
- ▶ **be switched off**
- ▶ **be turned off**
- ▶ **out**
- ▶ **disconnected**
- ▶ **off the hook**

**off** /ɒf/ [adv/adj not before noun] if something is **off**, someone has switched it **off** to make it stop working – use this about lights, machines, and other things that use electricity, gas, or water: *Is the cooker off? I can smell gas.* | *I don't think anyone's at home. All the lights are off.*

**be switched off** /bi: 'swɪtʃt 'ɒf/ [v phrase] use this about things that use electricity, for example, machines, computers, or heating equipment: *Do you mean the alarm was switched off all night?* | *He didn't realize the microphone was switched off.*

**be turned off** /bi: 'tʃ:rnd 'ɒf/ [v phrase] use this about lights or machines, or about the electricity, gas, or water supply: *Make sure everything's turned off before you leave the house.* | *The machine is only turned off for a few minutes at a time.*

**out** /aʊt/ [adv/adj not before noun] if a light is **out**, it is not shining because it has been switched off or because there is no electricity: *She must have left the office as her light is out.* | *All the lights in the house were out.*

**disconnected** /ˌdɪskə'nektɪd/ [adj not before noun] a machine, telephone, water supply etc that is **disconnected** has had its power supply, water supply, gas supply etc completely removed so that it cannot be used: *That washing machine doesn't work. It's been disconnected.* | *When the power was disconnected, he carefully removed the back of the computer.*

**off the hook** /ɒf ðə 'hʊk/ [adj phrase] a telephone that is **off the hook** has not been put back correctly or has been arranged so you cannot receive any calls: *I've been trying to call her for about half an hour. I think her phone must be off the hook.* | **take the phone off the hook** *I locked the door and took the phone off the hook so no one could disturb me.*

#### 5 when a machine, light etc switches on or off automatically

- ▶ **come/go on**
- ▶ **switch/turn on**
- ▶ **go out**
- ▶ **go off**
- ▶ **shut off/down**
- ▶ **switch/turn off**

**come/go on** /ˌkʌm, ˌgəʊ 'ɒn/ [phr v l] if a machine, light etc **comes** or **goes on**, it starts working, especially because you have set a time for it to start – use this about things that use electricity, gas, or water: *The heating comes on automatically.* | *Every so often, our TV just goes on by itself.*

**switch/turn on** /ˌswɪtʃ, ˌtʃ:rn 'ɒn/ [phr v l/T] if a machine, light etc **switches on**, it starts working – use this about things that use electricity: *Clap your hands twice, and the light switches on.* | **switch/turn itself on** *Water softening systems turn themselves on at night to clean the system.*

**go out** /ˌgəʊ 'aʊt/ [phr v l] if a light **goes out**, it stops shining, for example because it is broken or because there is no electricity: *Suddenly all the lights went out.* | *The street lights have a light sensor that makes them automatically go out at dawn.*

**go off** /ˌgəʊ 'ɒf/ [phr v l] if a machine, light etc **goes off**, it stops working – use this about things that use electricity, water, or gas: *The heating goes off at 10:30.* | *After the 30-car train passed, the flashing red lights went off and the arms blocking traffic went up.*

**shut off/down** /ˌʃʌt 'ɒf, 'daʊn/ [phr v l/T] if a machine **shuts off** or **shuts down**, it stops operating: *The pump automatically shuts down when no water is flowing.* | **shut itself off/down** *Something caused the computer to switch itself off.*

**switch/turn off** /ˌswɪtʃ, ˌtʃ:rn 'ɒf/ [phr v l/T] if a machine, light etc **switches** or **turns off**, it stops working – use this about things that use electricity: *The bulb inside the refrigerator switches off when you close the door.* | **switch/turn itself off** *If an automatic can opener fails to turn itself off, food is probably jamming the cutter.*

## sympathize

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **comfort/make sb feel better, understand (2)**

#### 1 to feel sorry because someone else is in a bad situation

- ▶ **feel sorry for**
- ▶ **sympathize**
- ▶ **have/feel sympathy for**
- ▶ **feel for**
- ▶ **pity**
- ▶ **my heart goes out to**
- ▶ **take pity on**
- ▶ **understand**

**feel sorry for** /ˌfi:l 'sɒri fɔ:r/ [v phrase] to feel sad for someone because they have had bad luck or they are in a bad situation: *I think he felt sorry for me because I'd just lost my wallet.* | *He'll probably go to jail for this. It's his wife I feel sorry for.* | *I feel sorry for the poor person who's going to have to sort this mess out.* | *I feel really sorry for young married couples these days. It's hard going for them.* | **can't help feeling sorry for sb** (=use this when you should not really feel sorry for someone, but you do) *I know he's being a jerk, but I can't help feeling a little sorry for him.*



**sympathize** ALSO **sympathise** British /ˈsɪmpəθaɪz/ [v I] to feel sad for someone who is having problems, because you understand how they feel: *My dear, I completely understand and sympathize, but there's not much I can do about it, really.* | + **with** *She felt Mark should have sympathised with her and supported her, instead of criticizing.* | **sympathize with sb's plight/problems/dilemma** *It's hard not to sympathize with the plight of single parents in today's world.*

**have/feel sympathy for** /ˌhæv, fi:l 'sɪmpəθi fɔːr/ [v phrase] to feel sad for someone who is having problems, because you understand how they feel: *I have great sympathy for anyone who has lived through depression.* | *It wasn't possible not to feel sympathy for Anna – she'd lost her husband and her son in the space of only a few weeks.* | **have/feel deep sympathy for** *The judge said he had the deepest sympathy for Maria's situation, but that he had no option but to sentence her.*

**feel for** /ˌfi:l fɔːr/ [phr v T] to sympathize very strongly and sincerely with someone who has problems, is suffering etc: *Of course I feel for him – he's my brother. But he did bring it on himself.* | *You couldn't help but feel for Charles. He'd been so unlucky in life.*

**pity** /ˈpɪti/ [v T not in progressive] to feel very sorry for someone who is in a much worse situation than you: *I pity anyone who has to feed a family on such a low income.* | *I don't want you to pity me – I just want you to help me.* | *He felt pity for Marla out there all by herself in some little nowhere town.*

**my heart goes out to** /maɪ ˌhɑːrt ɡəʊz 'aʊt tuː/ spoken use this to say that you feel extremely sorry for someone, especially because something very sad has happened to them: *I know how awfully disappointed you must be, and my heart goes out to you.* | *My heart went out to all those poor little children standing shivering in the cold.*

**take pity on** /ˌteɪk 'pɪti ɒn/ [v phrase] to feel sorry for someone and do something to help them: *The old couple, poor as they were, took pity on her and gave her food.* | *We walked on through the pouring rain until a kind driver took pity on us and offered us a ride.*

**understand** /ˌʌndərˈstænd/ [v I/T not in progressive] to realize that someone is unhappy or having problems, and behave kindly to them: *I'm sure if you talk to your boss, he'll understand.* | *You can only apologize, and hope that she'll understand.* | + **why/what/how** *I completely understand how things are when money is tight.* | *We're trying very hard to understand what she's going through.*

## 2 to not feel sorry for someone in a bad situation

- ▶ **have/feel no sympathy for**
- ▶ **my heart bleeds (for sb)**

**have/feel no sympathy for** /ˌhæv, fi:l ˌnəʊ 'sɪmpəθi fɔːr/ [v phrase] to feel that someone's problems are their own fault: *I have no sympathy for him – he hasn't even tried to look for a job.* | *I'm afraid I don't have much sympathy for people who spend more than they can afford and then find themselves in debt.* | **have/feel little sympathy for sb** *The fact is that most Americans feel little sympathy for AIDS sufferers.*

**my heart bleeds (for sb)** /maɪ ˌhɑːrt ˈbliːdz (fər (sb))/ spoken use this humorously when you do not feel any sympathy at all for someone: *'He says he can't come out tonight because he has to look after the*

*kids.'* *'My heart bleeds! That must be the first time he's stayed in with them since they were born!'*

## 3 to tell someone that you sympathize with them

- ▶ **offer your sympathy**
- ▶ **send/offer/express condolences**
- ▶ **commiserate**

**offer your sympathy** /ˌɒfər ʃjɔːr 'sɪmpəθi, ɔːf/ [v phrase] formal to tell someone that you feel sympathy for them, especially in a letter, after someone they love has died: *She wrote a short letter offering her sympathy.* | *Bouquets and hand-written cards offering sympathy surrounded the scene of the accident.* | + **to** *My husband joins me in offering our sincere sympathy to you and to Susan at this sad time.*

**commiserate** /kəˈmɪzəreɪt/ [v I] formal to express your sympathy for someone when they are unhappy about something, especially something that is not really very serious: *'Poor Alistair!' she commiserated. 'Let me buy you lunch.'* | + **with** *When he failed his driving test, I called him up and commiserated with him.* | + **about** *In several of their letters, Hartley and Burns commiserated about the problems of old age.* — **commiseration** /kəˈmɪzəˈreɪʃən/ [n U] *'I'm afraid I didn't have any success,' I said, and my colleague shook his head in commiseration.*

**send/offer/express condolences** /ˌsend, ˌɒfər, ɪkˌspres kənˈdɒlənsɪz, ɔːf/ [v phrase] to express sympathy to someone whose close relative or friend has died – use this in formal or official situations + **to** *We take this opportunity to send our condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in this disaster.* | *After the funeral, foreign ambassadors lined up to offer their condolences to the widow of the late president.* | **deep/heartfelt/sincere condolences** *In a statement read on television, Saleh expressed 'deepest condolences' to the families of the victims.*

## 4 what you say to tell someone that you sympathize

- ▶ **I'm sorry**
- ▶ **I/we'll be thinking of you**
- ▶ **bad luck**
- ▶ **you have my deepest sympathy/with deepest sympathy**

**I'm sorry** /aɪm 'sɒri/-'sɑːri/ spoken say this to tell someone you are sad that something bad has happened to them: *I heard about your father's death; I'm very sorry.* | *Jules, I am sorry. I had no idea.* | + **about** *Mavis, I'm really sorry about your Ma. It must have been a terrible shock.*

**I/we'll be thinking of you** /aɪ, wi:l bi: 'θɪŋkɪŋ əv juː/ spoken say this to tell someone that you are worried about them and that you hope they will be all right: *Take care, Lucy. I'll be thinking of you.* | *Tell Harry I'll be thinking of him and I hope he'll be home soon.*

**bad luck** /ˌbæd 'lʌk/ British spoken say this to show your sympathy for someone who has tried to do something and failed: *Bad luck, Paul. I'm sure you'll pass next time.* | *Oh what a shame. Bad luck Chris.*

**you have my deepest sympathy/with deepest sympathy** /juː ˌhæv maɪ ˌdiːpɪst 'sɪmpəθi, wið ˌdiːpɪst 'sɪmpəθi/ formal written use this in a letter to someone you do not know very well, whose close relative or friend has died: *We were so sorry to hear of your sister's death. You have our deepest sympathy.*



## 5 someone who is kind and shows sympathy

- ▶ sympathetic
- ▶ understanding
- ▶ compassionate
- ▶ caring
- ▶ a sympathetic ear/  
a shoulder to cry on

**sympathetic** /ˌsɪmpəˈθetɪk/ [adj] kind to people who are in an unpleasant situation, and ready to comfort them or share their problems: *My friends were all extremely sympathetic when they heard I'd lost my job.* | *Noticing my embarrassment, the teacher gave me a sympathetic smile.* | + **to/towards** *Try being a bit more sympathetic towards her – you might get better results.* — **sympathetically** [adj] *She listened sympathetically to all our complaints.* | *Kramer nodded sympathetically.*

**understanding** /ˌʌndərˈstændɪŋ/ [adj] sympathetic and patient, even when someone behaves badly, because you understand their problems and feelings: *He's funny, energetic, understanding, and a great teacher.* | *Irene often has to take time off work. Fortunately she has a very understanding boss.* | *My parents were wonderfully understanding throughout my divorce.*

**compassionate** /kəmˈpæʃənət/ [adj] someone who is **compassionate** feels a lot of pity for people who are suffering and wants to help them: *The church has inspired countless compassionate men and women to help the needy in times of famine, war, and plague.* | + **to/towards** *Our city has earned a reputation as a place where government is compassionate toward the poor and disadvantaged.* — **compassionately** [adv] *Political refugees need our protection and we urge the government to view their plight more compassionately.*

**caring** /ˈkeərɪŋ/ [adj] loving and sympathetic, especially so that you want to help people when they are in trouble: *Just because a family has money does not guarantee that the children have responsible and caring parents.* | *It is possible for men to be tough and, at the same time, caring and sensitive.*

**a sympathetic ear/a shoulder to cry on** /ə ˌsɪmpəθetɪk ˈɪər, ə ˌʃəʊldər tə ˈkraɪ ɒn/ [n phrase] someone who will listen sympathetically when you tell them about your troubles: *Remember your mother's always here if you need a shoulder to cry on.* | *Watt found a sympathetic ear when he described his family's situation to Captain Schiller.*

## 6 a feeling of sympathy

- ▶ sympathy
- ▶ pity
- ▶ compassion
- ▶ understanding

**sympathy** /ˈsɪmpəθi/ [n U] the feeling you have when you are sorry for someone who is having problems, and you understand how they feel: *Relatives of the air crash victims were treated with great sympathy.* | *She looked at him with sympathy.* | *The trip also is intended to raise money and sympathy for the plight of the Tibetan people.* | **have/feel/express sympathy for sb** *The Prime Minister expressed outrage at the attack, and sympathy for the families of the victims.* | **deep sympathy** (=a very strong feeling of sympathy) *You have my deepest sympathy, and my thoughts are with you.*

**pity** /ˈpɪti/ [n U] a feeling that you have when you feel very sorry for someone, often when you are unable to help them: *It's a civil war. They don't want our pity, they need our help.* | *When I returned to school, my classmates looked at me with pity in their eyes.* |

*feel/have pity* *I felt such pity for that young girl sitting alone in the bus station.* | **be full of pity/be filled with pity** *She was full of pity for the little boy with no one to love and care for him.*

**compassion** /kəmˈpæʃən/ [n U] a strong feeling of pity for someone who is suffering, and a desire to help them: *Of course we must insist on punishment, but the criminal must also be treated with compassion.* | + **for/to/towards** *Russell's father had no compassion for his son's physical disabilities.* | *What are you doing now to show compassion toward the victims of torture?*

**understanding** /ˌʌndərˈstændɪŋ/ [n U] a sympathetic attitude to someone that is based on your understanding: *Demonstrate your empathy and understanding of your children's problems.* | *There seems to be a lack of understanding on the part of managers when it comes to employees' personal problems.* | *The book gave me an understanding of what it must be like to be addicted to drugs.*

## 7 relating to someone who is so unlucky, so unhappy etc that you feel sorry for them

- ▶ poor
- ▶ pitiful
- ▶ pathetic
- ▶ wretched

**poor** /puər/ [adj only before noun] especially spoken use this to talk to or about someone that you feel sorry for: *The poor girl gets blamed for everything that goes wrong.* | *Poor baby. Come here and let me give you a cuddle.* | **poor old** informal *I hear poor old Steve broke his ankle.*

**pitiful** /ˈpɪtɪfəl/ [adj] a **pitiful** person looks or sounds very sad and unlucky and you feel very sorry for them: *John looked pitiful, his whole body weak with exhaustion.* | *the pitiful cries of an injured puppy* | *The horses were in a pitiful condition, thin and covered with sores.* — **pitifully** [adv] *The woman sobbed pitifully, begging to be left alone.*

**pathetic** /pəˈθetɪk/ [adj] someone who is **pathetic** is someone that you feel sorry for even though you often also have no respect for them: *There is something pathetic about a 40-year-old man who still has his mother do his laundry.* | *Yang looked at me with a pathetic expression on his face.* | *We found a small dog sitting outside the back door, looking pathetic.* — **pathetically** [adv] *'No one ever listens to me,' she said pathetically.* | *Suddenly, he looks pathetically young and scared.*

**wretched** /ˈretʃɪd/ [adj] someone who is **wretched** is very unhappy or unlucky, so that you feel very sorry for them – used especially in literature: *With a violent drunkard for a husband, he thought, that wretched woman must lead a life of terror.* | *Billy lay on the bed, wretched and close to tears.*

## 8 to try to make someone feel sorry for you

- ▶ play on sb's sympathy
- ▶ hard-luck story/sob story

**play on sb's sympathy** ALSO **play for sympathy** /ˌpleɪ ɒn (sb's) ˈsɪmpəθi, ˌpleɪ fər ˈsɪmpəθi/ [v phrase] to unfairly try to make someone feel sorry for you, in order to gain an advantage for yourself: *She had lain in her bed for years, feigning illness and playing on the sympathy of her daughters.* | *He decided it was best to play for sympathy on this occasion, because she might know if he tried to lie.*



**hard-luck story/sob story** /ˌhɑːd 'lʌk stɔːri, 'sɒb stɔːri/ [n C] a story or explanation, especially one that is untrue, told by someone in order to make other people feel sorry for them: *A beggar approached me with some hard-luck story about an accident.* | **give sb a hard-luck/sob story** *The defendant gave us some sob story about a sick child.*

## system

a system

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **way (1-6), organize, arrange, order**

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| ▶ <b>system</b>  | ▶ <b>framework</b> |
| ▶ <b>set-up</b>  | ▶ <b>structure</b> |
| ▶ <b>network</b> | ▶ <b>mechanism</b> |

**system** /ˈsɪstəm/ [n C] the way that something is organized, following fixed rules and methods, in order to provide a service or achieve an aim: *We're going to have to make some changes – this system just doesn't work.* | *Most teachers are opposed to recent changes in the education system.* | **+ of** *What we need is a cheap and reliable system of public transportation.* | *a democratic system of government* | **+ for (doing) sth** *They are introducing a system for dealing with enquiries from customers.*

**set-up** /ˈset ʌp/ [n C usually singular] informal the way in which things are organized or done within a company, school etc: *My last school was quite traditional, but it's a different set-up at the new one.* | *An efficient accounts set-up can not only save a company money: it can improve its relationship with its clients.*

**network** /ˈnetwɜːk/ [n C] a system of lines, tubes, wires, roads etc that are connected to each other: *A 24-hour strike brought the railway network to a standstill.* | *US companies have invested heavily in their telecommunications networks.* | **+ of** *A network of veins and arteries carries the blood around the body.*

**framework** /ˈfreɪmwɜːk/ [n C] a basic system of rules or ideas that people work within: *How do you feel you can develop your skills within the framework of the team?* | *We need a legal and political framework that is favourable to business.* | **+ for** *The aim of this legislation is to provide a framework for employers and trade unions to operate in.*

**structure** /ˈstrʌktʃər/ [n C] a system, especially a complicated one with a lot of different levels: *Many visitors to the UK find the British class structure difficult to understand.* | **+ of** *She studied the organizational structure of the company to see whether it could be made more efficient.* | *The structure of the US banking system is changing.*

**mechanism** /ˈmekənɪzəm/ [n C] a system of rules that makes it possible for particular things to happen or for people to do something: *Many schools have a mechanism which allows parents to inspect classroom materials.* | **+ to do sth** *The peace plan includes a mechanism to share power between all four parties.* | **+ for (doing) sth** *The free market system is an imperfect mechanism for achieving full employment.*

# Tt

## take

### WHAT'S HERE

- **to take sb or sth from one place to another** see **1 to 8**
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- **to take sth from somewhere** see **10 to 13**

## to take sb or sth from one place to another

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **carry, send, drive, travel**

### 1 to take someone or something from one place to another

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| ▶ <b>take</b>      | ▶ <b>whisk sb away</b> |
| ▶ <b>bring</b>     | ▶ <b>drive</b>         |
| ▶ <b>transport</b> | ▶ <b>fly</b>           |
| ▶ <b>deliver</b>   | ▶ <b>ship</b>          |
| ▶ <b>escort</b>    | ▶ <b>carry</b>         |

**take** /teɪk/ [v T] to have someone or something with you when you go to another place: *Don't forget to take your keys.* | *I've started taking a packed lunch to work to save money.* | **take sb/sth to/out/into/home etc** *'Where's Dan?' 'He's taken the car to the garage.'* | *I can't stop, I've got to take the kids to school.* | *She was taken straight into the emergency room when we arrived.* | *Would you like me to take you home?* | *Are we allowed to take library books home with us?* | **take sb sth** *I took Alice a cup of tea.* | **take sb/sth with you** *Did he take the camera with him?* | *Take the dogs with you if you're going for a walk.*

**bring** /brɪŋ/ [v T] if someone brings a person or thing to the place where you are, they have that person or thing with them when they come: *I brought my Nikes – they're about the only decent shoes I have.* | *We've brought someone to see you!* | **bring sb to/into/out/home etc** *Everyone's bringing a bit of food and a bottle to the party.* | *When are you going to bring him in for his injections?* | *The only time we use the VCR is when they bring Joey to our house.* | *I brought some work home and tried to get it finished in the evening.* | **bring sb sth** *Robert asked the waiter to bring him the check.* | **bring sb/sth with you** *I hope he hasn't brought his brother with him.* | *Is it okay if I bring some clothes with me to wash?*

**transport** /trænˈspɔːrt/ [v T] to move large quantities of goods or large numbers of people from one place to another, especially over a large distance: *The plane is used for transporting military personnel.* | **transport sb/sth to/from/across etc** *The company transports meat across the country in refrigerated containers.* | *Raw materials were transported to Phoenix from the reservations.* | *The inci-*



dent raised concerns about the safety and security of nuclear weapons being transported through Europe.

**deliver** /dɪˈlɪvər/ [v T] to take letters, newspapers, goods etc to someone's home or office: *Your computer will be delivered between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.* | *How soon can you deliver?* | **deliver sth to sb/sth** *If your order is ready, it will be delivered to you tomorrow.* | *Unfortunately the package was delivered to the wrong address.* — **delivery** [n C/U] when letters, newspapers, goods etc are taken to someone's house or office: *We offer free home delivery for every purchase over \$150.* | *a newspaper delivery boy*

**escort** /ɪˈskɔːrt/ [v T] to take someone to a place and make sure they cannot escape or that they arrive there safely **escort sb to/into/out etc** *The prisoner was escorted into the room by two police officers.* | *The guards escorted them to a waiting helicopter.* | *After he was sacked, he was escorted discreetly from the building by two senior managers.* — **escort** /ˈeskɔːrt/ [n C/U] a person or group who escorts someone somewhere: *The agreement says weapons inspectors will be accompanied by Iraqi escorts.* | **armed/military/police escort** *They provided an armed escort for the journey back to Cairo.* | **under escort** *The three men left the court under police escort.*

**whisk sb away** /ˌwɪsk (sb) əˈweɪ/ [phr v T not in progressive] if the police, guards, or people who are looking after someone **whisk** someone **away** they take them away from a place very quickly, especially in a car: *He refused to talk to reporters and was whisked away by the authorities to an undisclosed location.* | *Two police officers stood outside, waiting to whisk her away as soon as she came out.*

**drive** /draɪv/ [v T] to take someone from one place to another in a car or other road vehicle **drive sb to/from/home etc** *The terrorists forced Mr Grey to drive them to the airport.* | *Tyson declined to give any comment to reporters and was driven away by a friend.* | *She didn't really want to drive herself to the doctor, so I said I'd take her.* | *Wayne usually drives Patti home from class because they live quite close to each other.*

**fly** /flaɪ/ [v T] to take people or goods from one place to another by plane **fly sb/sth to/from/back etc** *His company flew him to Rio to attend the conference.* | *I'm not allowed to fly visitors into the National Park area without permission.* | *Medical equipment and food are being flown into the areas worst hit by the disaster.*

**ship** /ʃɪp/ [v T] to take goods a long distance to another place in a ship, plane, truck or train, so that they can be used or sold **ship sth to/from/back etc** *About half of the whisky produced in Scotland is shipped to Japan and the US.* | *I'm a manufacturer, and I ship electronic goods across the Mexican border, so the new levies will definitely affect my business.* — **shipment** [n C/U] goods that are being shipped, or the process of shipping them: *a reduction in oil shipments* | *Hundreds of cars are lined up outside the factory, awaiting shipment to France and Holland.*

**carry** /ˈkæəri/ [v T] if a ship, plane, train, or road vehicle **carries** people or goods, it takes them from one place to another: *Air India carried 1.66 million passengers last year.* | *The Jeep was carrying six men from the artillery brigade. Only one survived.* | **carry sb/sth to/from/across etc** *The ship was carrying a cargo of oil from Kuwait to Japan.* | *The train was carrying passengers from Moscow to St Petersburg.*

## 2 the process of taking goods or people from one place to another

► transport  
► haulage

► in transit

**transport** British /ˈtrænsˌpɔːrt/ American /ˈtrænˌspɔːrt, ˈtrænsˌpɔːˈteɪʃən, ˈtrænsˌpər-/ [n U] We need more investment in natural gas distribution and transportation. | + **to** *The price is \$40, which includes transportation to the game and refreshments.* | + **of** *The government is planning to tighten up regulations governing the transport of toxic waste.* | **transport costs/systems/companies etc** *Carrying goods by ship reduces transportation costs.* | *Critics have pointed to the lack of transport links to the new attraction.*

**haulage** British /ˈhɔːlɪdʒ/ American /ˈhɔːlɪŋ/ [n U] the business of taking large quantities of goods from one place to another: *Rail freight charges are high compared with the cost of road haulage.* | *The company also provides commercial hauling for the city of San Diego.* | **haulage company/costs/contractor etc** *Jean works for a road haulage company based in St Etienne.*

**in transit** /ɪn ˈtrænsɪt, -zɪt/ [adv] while being taken from one place to another: *A good insurance policy will cover the cost of goods lost or damaged in transit.* | *Cheese continues to ripen while in transit, so storage is important.*

## 3 to go to a place and take someone or something from there

► get  
► pick up

► collect  
► fetch

**get** /get/ [v T not in passive] to go to the place where someone or something is, and bring them back, or tell them to come back: *I'll get my coat and then we can go.* | *Dinner's ready. Can you get Jo?* | *I've got to get the kids in a few minutes.* | **get sb sth** (=get something for someone) *Could you get me my keys from the kitchen?* | *I'm going to get myself a beer, does anyone else want one?* | **go (and) get sb/sth** *Go and get your father. He's in the garden.* | *Forget the cooking, let's go get takeout.*

**pick up** /ˌpɪk ˈʌp/ [phr v T] to go to a place where someone or something is waiting for you or ready for you, and take them with you **pick sb/sth up** *Do you want me to come back and pick you guys up?* | *Nadia will pick you up at the airport.* | *Can you pick some milk up from the shop on your way home?* | **pick up sb/sth** *'Where's Diana?' 'She just left to pick up the kids from school.'* | *I'll pick up the tickets on my way home from work.* | *Hi, I've come to pick up a suit I left on Tuesday.*

**collect** /kəˈlekt/ [v T] British to go to the place where someone or something is waiting for you, and bring them back: *I'm at the station. Can you come and collect me?* | *We'll have to eat later, I'm collecting Grandma from the hospital this evening.* | *I've got a parcel to collect from the post office.*

**fetch** /fetʃ/ [v T] British to go to get someone or something that you need and bring them back: *Jim's gone to fetch the police.* | *Where's your mug? Go and fetch it.* | *Martha fetched a towel from the bathroom.* | **fetch sb sth** *Could you fetch me a screwdriver?*



## 4 to take someone or something back to the place where they came from

- ▶ take back
- ▶ bring back
- ▶ return

**take back** /ˈteɪk ˈbæk/ [phr v T] **take sb/sth back** Paul asked the taxi driver to take him back to his hotel. | The dress was too big, so I took it back. | Would you like Daddy to take you back home? | You can take these CDs back with you. | **take back sb/sth** I have to take back the trailer I borrowed from Randy. | What would be a good present to take back for Anna? | Dee wanted a loaf to take back with her.

**bring back** /ˈbrɪŋ ˈbæk/ [phr v T] to bring someone or something back to the place where you are now or to your home **bring sb/sth back** Mrs Ali will bring you back from school today. | I was going to ask if you could bring that pair of jeans back with you. | Why don't you bring Barbara back here? | Thanks – I promise I'll bring it back tomorrow. | **bring back sth** When can you bring back those books I lent you? | They brought back some lovely cheese from France. | We're going to bring back some beer with us – do you want anything else?

**return** /rɪˈtʃɜːn/ [v T] to bring or take something back to the place where you got it from: Penny has still not returned the office keys. | **return sth to sth** Sign and keep the top sheet, and return the blue sheet to the office. | If there is a problem with the computer, you can return it to the store.

## 5 to take something such as water, electricity, or gas from one place to another

- ▶ carry
- ▶ conduct
- ▶ convey

**carry** /ˈkæri/ [v T] The electricity is carried by means of cables which are up to 30 cm thick. | **carry sth to/from/across etc** The pipelines, which carry oil across Alaska, are designed to withstand extremely low temperatures. | Rivers carry debris out to the sea, and it then settles on the bottom.

**conduct** /kənˈdʌkt/ [v T] to take heat, electricity, or sound from one place to another through pipes or along wires: Before Newton, people had great difficulty understanding how any metal could conduct electricity. | **conduct sth from/to/away etc** Water is used to conduct heat away from the reactor. | Specially treated copper wires conduct the signal from the amplifier to the speakers.

**convey** /kənˈveɪ/ [v T] formal to take something such as water, electricity, or gas from one place to another: A crack had developed in one of the main cooling pipes which are used to convey water. | **convey sth to/from/across etc** The blood is conveyed to the heart from the veins.

## 6 to take someone somewhere and show them where to go, what to look at etc

- ▶ guide
- ▶ lead
- ▶ show
- ▶ usher
- ▶ shepherd

**guide** /gaɪd/ [v T] to take someone through or to a

place that you know very well, showing them the way **guide sb to/through/along etc** Sammler was a huge help, guiding me through the dangers of the city streets. | The travellers were guided around the Hindu Kush by local people who had lived there all their lives.

**lead** /liːd/ [v T] to take a person or an animal to a place, especially by going in front of them **lead sb to/through/along etc** Our guide seemed to be leading us towards a wooded area in the distance. | He led Julia through the house to his study. | The police officer took her arm and led her gently away. | **lead the way** In silence, Roland led the way back to the car.

**show** /ʃəʊ/ [v T] to take someone to a place, such as a table in a restaurant or a hotel room, and leave them there **show sb to sth** Could you show this gentleman to his table please. | I stood in the foyer, waiting to be shown to my apartment.

**usher** /ˈʌʃər/ [v T] to take someone to a place such as a room or building, especially as part of your job **usher sb into/to/towards etc** At the front door stood two smart young men, who ushered the guests into the house. | Smiling, Smart ushered her to a waiting car outside.

**shepherd** /ˈʃepərd/ [v T] to guide a large group of people in an orderly way **shepherd sb up/along/to etc** The police officer shepherded everyone away and padlocked the church gates. | We expected to be asked to sit down, but instead we were shepherded out to an open patio at the back of the house.

## 7 a person whose job is to take people somewhere, show them things etc

- ▶ guide
- ▶ usher
- ▶ docent

**guide** /gaɪd/ [n C] a person whose job is to take people to a place or show them around a place, especially because they know the area well: You are advised not to enter the Kenyan game reserves without a guide. | That seems like a question for our experienced tour guide, Monika Koppel. | Our guide and interpreter said he enjoyed the work because he himself had learned much about the city.

**usher** /ˈʌʃər/ [n C] someone who guides people to their seats, for example at a wedding or in a cinema: I worked as an usher at the local cinema during the holidays. | The usher handed us a songsheet and directed us to seats in the front row.

**docent** /ˈdəʊsənt, dəʊˈsent/ [n C] American someone who guides you around a museum and tells you about what you are seeing: She's a volunteer docent at the Smithsonian Institution. | At the J Paul Getty museum in Malibu, a docent was giving her usual tour.

## 8 to take someone away using force

- ▶ take away
- ▶ abduct
- ▶ kidnap
- ▶ take sb hostage

**take away** /ˈteɪk əˈweɪ/ [phr v T] if soldiers, the police etc **take** someone away, they force that person to go with them **take sb away** The soldiers took my son away and I never saw him again. | Luis told me how he'd been picked up by military police in the middle of the night, and taken away for questioning. | **take away sb** At that time police would often take away suspected revolutionaries and throw them in jail with a trial.



**abduct** /əb'dʌkt, æb-/ [v T] to take someone away by force, especially a child or young person, often in order to kill them or sexually attack them – used especially in news reports: *The two high school girls were abducted at gunpoint on Tuesday.* | *Kurdish separatists have abducted a Japanese tourist and are demanding money for his safe return.* | **abduct sb from sth** *Several young women had been abducted from their villages and forced to work as prostitutes.* — **abduction** [n U] *The man is charged with the abduction and rape of a 12-year-old schoolgirl.*

**kidnap** /'kɪdnæp/ [v T] to take someone away by force and keep them as your prisoner, in order to make their family or their government give you money or other things you want: *Terrorists have kidnapped a French officer and are demanding \$400,000 from the French government.* | *He was kidnapped by vigilantes in El Centro, beaten and robbed, and then set on fire.* — **kidnapping** [n C/U] when someone is kidnapped: *Most diplomats now travel with bodyguards, following a series of kidnappings.* | *He has been charged with the kidnapping of his ex-girlfriend.* | *victims of kidnapping*

**take sb hostage** /teɪk (sb) 'hɒstɪdʒ- 'hɑː-/ [v phrase] to take someone and keep them as a prisoner, especially for political reasons, and threaten to kill them if their government does not do what you demand: *On January 6, six Italian nuns were taken hostage.* | *Guerrilla fighters seized the hospital yesterday, taking patients and staff hostage, although several dozen were later released.*

## to take sth from sb

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: — **give**  
▶ see also **steal, get, have/not have**

## 9 to take something from someone

- ▶ **take**
- ▶ **grab/snatch**
- ▶ **take away**
- ▶ **seize**
- ▶ **impound**
- ▶ **confiscate**
- ▶ **commandeer**
- ▶ **deprive sb**
- ▶ **strip sb**

**take** /teɪk/ [v T] to take something out of someone's hands: *Let me take your bags – you look exhausted.* | *Oh, mom, could you just take this for a second?* | *He took her coat, and hung it in the hall.* | **take sth from sb** *He walked slowly across the room and took the gun from her.* | **take sth off sb** informal *Can you take some of these books off me?*

**grab/snatch** /græb, snætʃ/ [v T] to take something from someone with a sudden violent movement: *He just grabbed my camera and ran off with it.* | **snatch/grab sth from sb/sth** *Gerry snatched her diary from the desk, and she lunged to grab it back.* | **snatch/grab sth off sb** informal *Paul grabbed the bag of sweets off his sister and ran away with it.*

**take away** /teɪk ə'weɪ/ [phr v T] to take something important from someone, such as a possession or a right, either as a punishment or in a way that is wrong or unfair **take away sth** *Mom's threatened to take away my stereo if my schoolwork doesn't improve.* | *The new law would take away the rights of workers to go on strike.* | *That's stupid – it's like teaching someone to read, then taking away all their books!* | **take sth away** *No, Eli, I'm taking it away now!* | **take sth away from sb** *Even though Polly still needs it, the authorities have taken the wheelchair away from her.*

**seize** /siːz/ [v T] to take something such as drugs, guns, or documents from someone who is keeping them illegally or taking them from one place to another: *Police seized 53 weapons and made 42 arrests.* | *Over 52,000 E-tablets hidden in a car door were seized by customs officials.* | *Assets worth over \$1 million were seized, along with documents relating to the company's financial dealings.*

**impound** /ɪm'paʊnd/ [v T] to take something such as a car or an animal away from someone and keep it in a special place until they are officially allowed to have it back: *The act will give the government new rights to impound untaxed cars and crush them.* | *The medical officer says that the animals will be impounded while tests are carried out.* | *Police recovered both items, and impounded a black BMW from the murder scene.*

**confiscate** /'kɒnfɪsket||'kɑːn-/ [v T] to officially take something away from someone, either as a punishment or because they are not allowed to have it: *Your vehicle can be confiscated if you are transporting marijuana.* | *The authorities will confiscate firearms found on a boat or plane if the owner cannot show proof of US licensing.* | **confiscate sth from sb** *The group claims that billions of dollars in property and bank accounts was confiscated from Jewish businessmen in the Second World War.* — **confiscated** [adj] *The report concludes that no one knows what actually happened to the confiscated property.*

**commandeer** /kəmən'dɪə||'kɑː-/ [v T] if the army or other military organization **commandeers** something such as a vehicle or a building, they take it away from the owners in order to use it in a war: *Bud's truck had been commandeered by the regiment.* | *The officers had commandeered every house in the area.* | *A paramilitary group attempted to commandeer the bus and take it to Madrid.*

**deprive sb** /dɪ'praɪv (sb)/ [phr v T] to take away or not let someone have their rights, advantages etc, especially in a way that seems unfair: *Under Stalin, Soviet citizens were deprived of their most basic human rights.* | *The boy's parents claim the school's actions have effectively deprived their son of education.* | *Banning the carnival will deprive law-abiding citizens of a source of culturally valuable entertainment.*

**strip sb** /'stri:p (sb)/ [phr v T] to completely take away someone's rights, responsibilities, or a prize they have won, especially as a punishment for doing something wrong: *The captain was stripped of his licence after the collision.* | *He was formally stripped of his American citizenship.* | *The ruling authority stripped him of his boxing title after he was convicted of importing heroin.* | *The court ruled that Learer's conviction did not constitute grounds for stripping her of custody of her four children.*

## to take sth from somewhere

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **steal, carry**

## 10 to take something from the place where it is

- ▶ **take**
- ▶ **take out**
- ▶ **pull out**
- ▶ **remove**
- ▶ **withdraw**
- ▶ **fish out**

**take** /teɪk/ [v T] to take something from the place



where it is: *Have you taken my keys? I can't find them.* | **take sth from/off/down etc** *He took a dictionary down from the shelf.* | *Her camera was taken from the reception desk while no one was looking.* | *If anyone would like to take the uneaten food home, they're welcome to do so.*

**take out** /,teɪk 'aʊt/ [phr v T] to take something from a place where it cannot be seen, for example from a pocket, drawer or container **take out sth** *He reached into his pocket and took out a handkerchief.* | *Today, I'm going to show you how to take out summer-flowering bulbs to store them for the winter.* | **take sth out** *Sally opened a pack of cigarettes, took one out and lit it.* | *I keep the forms in this folder here, so just take one out if you need one.* | **take sth out of sth** *Take that chewing gum out of your mouth!* | *Take the sachet out of the water after 3 minutes.*

**pull out** /pʊl 'aʊt/ [phr v T] to quickly take something from a place where it was hidden or could not be seen **pull out sth** *He pulled out a gun and fired three shots.* | **pull sth out** *I saw her pull a bag out from under the seat.* | **pull sth out of sth** *She pulled a pen out of her bag and began to scribble furiously.*

**remove** /rɪ'mu:v/ [v T] formal to take something away from the place where it is, especially something that you do not want or something that should not be there: *Please do not remove this notice.* | *The new technology will make it easier for surgeons to remove abnormal growths before they cause problems.* | **remove sth from sth** *Remove all the packaging from the pizza and place it in a preheated oven.* | *The relics were removed from the house and taken to a local museum for identification.*

**withdraw** /wɪð'drɔ:, wɪθ-/ [v T] to take something out of something else, especially slowly or carefully – used especially in literature: *The ambassador frowned and withdrew the cigar from his mouth.* | *She withdrew her hand from his grasp, and turned to leave the room.*

**fish out** /fɪʃ 'aʊt/ [phr v T] informal to take something from a place where it is difficult to get things from **fish sth out** *The doctor fished his glasses out again and looked closely at Murphy's ear.* | **fish sth out from sth** *The young man fished a dirty bowl out from under the bed.* | **fish out sth** *Brody fished out a pack of cigarettes and lit one.* | **fish sth out of sth** *I fished it out of the trash – it's a perfectly good tea kettle.*

## 11 to take something from somewhere quickly and suddenly

- ▶ grab
- ▶ snatch
- ▶ whisk sth away

**grab** /græb/ [v T not usually in passive] to quickly and suddenly take something from the place where it is, especially because you are in a hurry: *Grab your coat, we're late.* | *I'm going to run downstairs and grab some books and stuff – I'll be right back.* | *It was chaos, everyone was just grabbing drinks from behind the bar.*

**snatch** /snætʃ/ [v T not usually in progressive] to take something quickly and violently from the place where it is: *When no one was looking, he snatched a tray of watches and ran out of the shop.* | *Someone's going to snatch your purse if you leave it sticking out of your bag like that.* | *Before I could say a word, he'd snatched the keys from the table and run out of the room.*

**whisk sth away** /,wɪsk (sth) ə'weɪ/ [phr v T not usually in progressive] to very quickly and suddenly take

something from the place where it is, especially to prevent someone from seeing or touching it **whisk away sth** *The waiter whisked away my plate before I'd finished.* | **whisk away** *As soon as the baby was born he was whisked away and put in an incubator.*

## 12 to put out your hand to take something

- ▶ reach for
- ▶ grab/snatch at

**reach for** /'ri:tʃ fɔː/ [phr v T not in passive] *I reached for the salt, and knocked over a bottle of wine.* | *There was a noise outside, and Bill reached for his flashlight.*

**grab/snatch at** /'græb, 'snætʃ æt/ [phr v T not in passive] to suddenly put out your hand in order to take something: *I grabbed at the boy's collar as he ran past.* | *I snatched at the reins and managed to haul him to a halt.*

## 13 to take money out of a bank

- ▶ take/get out
- ▶ withdraw

**take/get out** /,teɪk, ,get 'aʊt/ [phr v T] **take/get out sth** *I took out \$50 yesterday, and I spent it already.* | *She took out all her savings and bought a one-way ticket to Rio.* | *How much did you get out?* | **take/get sth out** *Stop if you see a cashpoint, I have to get some money out.* | *You know if I take \$50 out, I'll spend \$50.* | **take/get sth out of sth** *Someone stole my cheque book and started using it to get money out of my account.* | *Dad wanted to lend me the money, so I wouldn't have to take it out of my savings.*

**withdraw** /wɪð'drɔ:, wɪθ-/ [v T] to take money out of your bank – use this in official or business contexts: *This card allows the user to withdraw money at any time of day.* | **withdraw sth from sth** *I withdrew \$200 from my savings account.* — **withdrawal** [n C/U] *Customers can only make three withdrawals in one day.*

# take part/ be involved

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ to join a club, organization etc see **join** (7-10)
- ▶ to try and influence a situation that you should not be involved in see **interfere**
- ▶ see also **join, do/not do, include/not include**

## 1 to take part in an event, activity, discussion etc

- ▶ take part
- ▶ be involved
- ▶ participate
- ▶ play a part/role
- ▶ be active in
- ▶ contribute
- ▶ appear on
- ▶ be engaged in
- ▶ hands-on

**take part** /,teɪk 'pɑːt/ [v phrase] *She wanted to take part but she was too ill.* | *The program teaches children about conservation, and about 30 schools are taking part.* | **+ in** *Nearly 500 teams took part in the competition.* | *Police have arrested a number of people who took part in the riot.* | *She was asked to take part in a TV debate on drugs.* | **take an active/leading part** *John has taken an active part in getting artists together for the festival.*



**be involved** /bi: in'vɒlvd||-vɑ:lvd/ [v phrase] to take part in an activity with a small number of other people, often something bad or illegal: *Choosing a school is an important decision, and both parents ought to be involved.* | **+ in** *At least three politicians are involved in the scandal.* | *The two men have denied being involved in Troy's kidnapping and murder.* | *Roughly two-thirds of high school students are involved in volunteer community work.*

**participate** /pɑ:r'tɪsɪpert/ [v I] formal to take part in an activity, especially an organized activity: *There are regular class discussions, but some of the students never participate.* | *Being a spectator wasn't as enjoyable as participating.* | **+ in** *Over 300 local firms participated in the survey.* | *Members can participate in any of the trips organized by the club.* | *Our employees are encouraged to participate in the decision making process.* — **participation** /pɑ:r'tɪsɪ-'peɪʃən/ [n U] when people participate: *The play was produced for children and encourages audience participation.* | **+ in** *Our partners are demanding full participation in the decision-making process.*

**play a part/role** /pleɪ ə 'pɑ:rt, 'rəʊl/ [v phrase] to take part in some way in an activity or piece of work, especially one which has a useful result or purpose: *Our goal is to make sure everyone plays a part and shares in the credit.* | *Although the budget committees guide Congress's actions on spending, every committee plays a role.* | **+ in** *Hart clearly played a role in the decision to change admission standards.* | *Together with the police everyone can play a part in improving the security of their neighborhood.* | **play an active/large/important etc part/role** *Men now play a larger part in looking after their children.* | *The most effective learning occurs when the child is allowed to play a more active role in the learning process.* | *The Secretary of State played a leading role in the government's successful foreign policy.* | *Schneider played a key role in getting the organization started.*

**be active in** /bi: 'æktɪv ɪn/ [v phrase] to actively take part in the work of an organization such as a political group or church: *He is very active in the church's work with homeless people.* | *In school I was very active in sports and student government.* | *Allen, who is still on the board, is no longer active in the day-to-day management of the company.*

**contribute** /kən'trɪbjʊt/ [v I/T] to actively take part in a group discussion or group activity, especially by giving your opinions and ideas: *When we have class debates we try and get all the kids to contribute.* | *During the discussions MacDonald seemed to be listening, but he had nothing to contribute.* | **contribute ideas/suggestions etc** *Readers are invited to contribute their opinions on any of the issues discussed here.*

**appear on** /ə'piər ɒn/ [v phrase] to take part in a TV or radio programme: *Forbes appeared on 'Meet the Press' to discuss recent political developments.* | *He has often appeared on the BBC sports programme 'A Question of Sport'.* — **appearance** [n C] *The six-year-old's talents earned him an appearance on the Oprah Winfrey show.*

**be engaged in** /bi: in'geɪdʒd ɪn/ [v phrase] formal to be taking part in an activity, a conversation etc, especially one that continues for a long period of time: *The Nationalists have been engaged in a bitter fifteen-year armed struggle for independence.* | *During dinner I found myself engaged in a long complicated discussion with the doctor's wife.*

**hands-on** /hændz 'ɒn-/ [adj usually before noun] involving doing or learning about something by

taking part in it yourself, rather than just watching, reading about it, or hearing about it from someone else: *The training programs give students practical hands-on experience.* | *The exhibit includes numerous hands-on activities, including several archaeological dig stations.* | *Mr. Garvey is known as a hands-on manager with an in-depth knowledge of the whole company.*

## 2 to start taking part

- ▶ **join in**
- ▶ **get involved**
- ▶ **get in on the act**
- ▶ **jump/climb/hop/get on the bandwagon**
- ▶ **muscle in on**
- ▶ **get/enter into the spirit**

**join in** /,dʒɔɪn 'ɪn/ [phr v I/T] to start taking part in something that other people are already doing, especially something enjoyable such as a game, or a song: *When we get to the chorus I want everybody to join in!* | *James joined in the discussion to say that he agreed with what had been said.* | **join in sth** *We all wanted to join in the fun.* | **+ with** *As a child, I was too shy to join in with the other children's games.*

**get involved** /,get ɪn'vɒlvd||-vɑ:lvd/ [v phrase] to start to take part in something, often something that will cause you problems or take a lot of your time: *It's a private matter between the two of them, and I don't think we should get involved.* | **+ in** *When did Anderson first get involved in local politics?* | *I don't want to get involved in an argument with you on the phone.* | *The US seemed unwilling to get involved in another war.*

**get in on the act** /get ɪn ɒn ðɪ 'ækt/ [v phrase] informal to start to take part in something that is already successful, especially a new type of business that other companies are already involved in: *Now that our exporting business to Eastern Europe has grown so successful, everyone wants to get in on the act.* | *Movie theater chains are expanding rapidly, and even small local theaters are getting in on the act.*

**jump/climb/hop/get on the bandwagon** /,dʒʌmp, 'klaɪm, 'hɒp, get ɒn ðə 'bændwægən ||,hɑ:p-/ [v phrase] informal to start to take part in an activity because a lot of other people are doing it and not necessarily because you believe in it: *More and more Republicans are hopping on the tax bandwagon to attract more voters.* | *Critics of the government's environmental policies say it has simply jumped on the bandwagon and has not done anything serious to fight pollution.*

**muscle in on** /,mʌsəl 'ɪn ɒn/ [v T] informal to deliberately interfere in a plan, activity etc that other people are organizing so that you can have some of the advantages of that situation: *I'm not going to let Jim muscle in on this deal – let him do his own negotiations.* | *Two men were killed when members of a rival gang tried to muscle in on their territory.*

**get/enter into the spirit** /,get, 'entər ɪntə ðə 'spɪrɪt/ [v phrase] to relax and take part in a party, celebration, or special occasion: *This year Pat decided to get into the spirit and decorate her house for Halloween.* | *Although Mark felt depressed he did his best to enter into the spirit for Julie's sake.* | **+ of** *You'll enjoy yourself much more if you just relax and try to get into the spirit of the occasion.*



### 3 to take part in a competition, exam, course etc

- ▶ compete/take part
- ▶ enter
- ▶ sign up
- ▶ enrol

**compete/take part** /kəm'pi:t, teɪk 'pɑ:t/ [v I/ v phrase] to take part in a competition or race: *Only cars over 50 years old are allowed to compete.* | *The competition was a great success. Nearly two hundred people took part.* | + **in** *How many runners will be competing in the marathon?* | *Please contact Debbie if you would like to take part in the charity swim.*

**enter** ALSO **go in for sth** British /,entər, ,gəʊ 'ɪn fər (sth)/ [v I/T/phr v T] to say that you will take part in a competition or race, for example by putting your name on a list: *Only students under 18 can enter.* | *Dad says he's going in for the talent contest.* | *Jay and Cindy entered the dance competition for fun – they had no idea they would win.* | *We went in for the crossword competition and won twenty-five pounds.*

**sign up** /saɪn 'ʌp/ [phr v I] to arrange to take part in a course of study by signing an agreement: *Did you sign up yet? The course starts in two weeks, you know.* | + **for** *Gary can't find a job, so he's signed up for Unemployment Training.* | + **to do sth** *I signed up to take an art class just to get out of the house in the evenings.*

**enrol** British /**enroll** American /ɪn'rəʊl/ [v I/T] to formally arrange to take part in a course of study: *The course is very popular, so it's best to enrol as soon as possible.* | + **on** British /+ **in** American *I'd like to enrol on the German course, please.* | *Bill enrolled in a four-year teacher-training course in Albany.* | + **for** British *That year Sam enrolled for law studies in Cape Town.* —**enrolment** British/**enrollment** American [n U] *Enrollment will take place tomorrow in the main hall between 10:00 and 5:00.*

### 4 to arrange for someone to take part in a competition, exam etc

- ▶ enter
- ▶ put sb's name down/put sb down
- ▶ enrol

**enter** /'entər/ [v T] to arrange for a person or animal to take part in a competition, race, or examination **enter sb/sth in sth** *Your cats are beautiful, have you ever entered them in a cat show?* | *As part of his training program, Lauck has been entered in Sunday's race.* | **enter sb/sth for sth** *Eight horses were entered for the first race.*

**put sb's name down/put sb down** /put (sb's) 'neɪm daʊn, put (sb) 'daʊn/ [v phrase/phr v T] to arrange for someone to take part in an organized activity by writing their name on a list: *If you think Stan would be willing to look after the kids, put his name down.* | + **for** *Put Nancy and her husband down for the banquet – I know they're planning to come.* | + **to do sth** *Can we put you down to help with refreshments, Carol?*

**enrol** British /**enroll** American /ɪn'rəʊl/ [v T] to formally arrange for someone to take part in a course of study + **on** British /+ **in** American *His parents enrolled him in a military academy when he was only 8.* | *Anybody who has not yet been enrolled on the English course should contact the tutor.*

### 5 to get involved with something you did not want to get involved in

- ▶ get caught up in
- ▶ get drawn into
- ▶ get/become embroiled in

**get caught up in** /get ,kɔ:t 'ʌp ɪn/ [v phrase] to get involved in something dangerous, unpleasant, or illegal, without wanting to or intending to do this: *I don't want to get caught up in some petty argument with you.* | *It is easy for young people to get caught up in crime when there are so few jobs.* | *One unlucky group of American tourists got caught up in the country's civil war.*

**get drawn into** /get ,drɔ:n 'ɪntu:/ [v phrase] to gradually be persuaded to get involved in something that you did not intend to get involved in: *U.N. peacekeepers have gotten drawn into the fighting they were trying to prevent.* | *Children who end up on the street are likely to get drawn into prostitution and petty crime.*

**get/become embroiled in** /get, bɪ,kʌm ɪm'brɔɪld ɪn/ [v phrase] to get involved in a long and complicated discussion, argument, or struggle which you do not want to get involved in: *The airline became embroiled in a six-month battle with the pilots' union.* | *I don't want to get embroiled in some endless argument over money.*

### 6 to make someone take part in something

- ▶ involve
- ▶ drag sb into
- ▶ bring in

**involve** /ɪn'vɒlv||ɪn'vɑ:lv/ [v T] to ask or encourage someone to take part in something, especially by encouraging them to do this: *I always try to involve the whole class.* | **involve sb in sth** *A good manager will try to involve everyone in the decision-making process.* | *The school has gained improved exam results by involving parents more in their children's education.*

**drag sb into** /,dræg (sb) 'ɪntu:/ [phr v T] to make someone become involved in a situation that they do not want to become involved in, for example an argument or a problem: *Don't go dragging me into your silly family arguments – sort it out yourself.* | *UN troops run the risk of being dragged into local policing problems.*

**bring in** /brɪŋ 'ɪn/ [phr v T] to involve someone in an activity that they were not involved in before, especially so that they can provide help or advice **bring in sb** *The President brought in Ken Khachigian to write a speech for the occasion.* | *The Japanese technicians were brought in because of their expertise in electronics.* | **bring sb in** *I don't think there's any need to bring the police in until we're sure the money is missing.*

### 7 to know about something secret or dishonest and take part in it

- ▶ be in on
- ▶ be (a) party to
- ▶ have a hand in (doing) sth
- ▶ collude

**be in on** /bi: 'ɪn ɒn (sth)/ [v T] informal to take part in or know all about an illegal or secret activity: *Is it true that the Chief of Police was in on the cover-up?* | *Jones denies being in on the plan to blow up the building.* | *He didn't have a clue about the surprise party, but everyone in the office was in on it.*



**be (a) party to** /bi: (ə) 'pɑ:rti tu:/ [v phrase] formal to take part in something which is illegal or wrong: *My clients do not want to be party to tax evasion.* | *Prosecutors proved she was in the house and was a party to the murder.*

**have a hand in (doing) sth** /hæv ə ,hænd in ('du:ɪŋ) (sth)/ [v phrase not in progressive] to be in some way secretly involved in something and be partly responsible for its results: *He is a member of one of the extremist groups that may have had a hand in the murder.* | *Do they suspect the government of having a hand in it?* | *My father may have had a hand in getting me the job.*

**collude** /kə'lu:d/ [v I] to know about and encourage something wrong that someone else is doing + **in** *How far can women be said to be colluding in their own lower employment status?* | + **with** *There have been accusations that the prime minister secretly colluded with the leaders of the regime.*

## 8 someone who takes part in something

- ▶ **participant**
- ▶ **competitor**
- ▶ **entrant**
- ▶ **contestant**
- ▶ **entry**
- ▶ **involved**
- ▶ **player**

**participant** /pɑ:'tɪsɪpənt/ [n C] formal someone who takes part in an organized event or activity: *This summer's children's art program had 14 participants.* | *At the end of the conference, all the participants were asked to fill out a questionnaire.* | + **in** *Reyes is an active participant in the protest movement.*

**competitor** /kəm'petɪtər/ [n C] someone who takes part in a race, game, or competition: *One of the competitors hurt her leg during the race.* | *Twenty-seven competitors from around the country will take part in Sunday's monster truck rally.*

**entrant** /'entrənt/ [n C] formal someone who takes part in a competition: *Davis was selected from 200,000 entrants to win the trip to the Super Bowl.* | *The winning entrant will receive a scholarship to the famous college of art and a year's supply of artist's materials.*

**contestant** /kən'testənt/ [n C] someone who takes part in a competition or game, especially one that is judged by a group of judges: *Suzanne was a beauty-queen contestant in college.* | *The questions that contestants must answer get more difficult as the game goes on.*

**entry** /'entri/ [n C] the piece of work or answer which someone has sent to be judged in a competition: *All entries for the contest must be received by August 1.* | *Her entry in the 'Funniest Photo Contest' won third prize.* | *Organizers of the Lawson short story competition have received over 100,000 entries.*

**involved** /ɪn'vɒlvd||ɪn'vɑ:lvd/ [adj only after noun] the people **involved** are the people who are taking part or who took part in an activity or event: *In court she gave evidence about her torture, naming the officers involved.* | *Most of the people involved have by now either died or moved away.* | *Following the riots, the university promised to discipline all those involved.*

**player** /'pleɪər/ [n C] someone who takes part in a game: *Up to six players can play this game on-line.* | *It's now the turn of player number three.*

## 9 to not take part in something

- ▶ **not take part/not participate**
- ▶ **take/have/play no part in**
- ▶ **withdraw**
- ▶ **pull/drop out**
- ▶ **opt out**
- ▶ **have nothing to do with**
- ▶ **take no further part in**
- ▶ **armchair**
- ▶ **on the sidelines**

**not take part/not participate** /nɒt teɪk 'pɑ:rt, nɒt pɑ:'tɪsɪpənt/ [v phrase] *The President was invited to appear on the program but decided not to take part.* | *We tried to include Reggie in the conversation, but he didn't participate.* | + **in** *Party leaders have said they will not take part in the election.* | *She said that she didn't participate in the games because her shoulder was sore.*

**take/have/play no part in** /,teɪk, ,hæv, ,pleɪ nəʊ 'pɑ:rt ɪn/ [v phrase] formal to deliberately not take part in something, because you disagree with it or think it is wrong: *They were pacifists and would take no part in the war.* | *Jen would have no part in forcing Gwen out of her job.* | *I played no part in leaking the information to the press.*

**withdraw** /wɪð'drɔ:, wɪθ-/ [v I] to decide not to take part in a competition, race, discussion etc, which you previously agreed to take part in: *Bower was leading in the polls, but he withdrew when the scandal hit the press.* | + **from** *Clare had to withdraw from the race after injuring her knee.* | *It will be very sad if Jordan withdraws from politics altogether.*

**pull/drop out** /pʊl, ,drɒp 'aʊt||,dra:p-/ [phr v I] informal to suddenly decide not to take part in something, that has already started or is about to start, especially when this causes problems: *The show was cancelled when the star unexpectedly pulled out.* | *By the end of the semester about half of the students had dropped out.* | + **of** *It's too late to pull out of the agreement now.* | *Most of the other Democratic candidates had already dropped out of the presidential race.*

**opt out** /,ɒpt 'aʊt||,ɑ:pt-/ [phr v I] to decide not to take part in an official system, especially one that has not started yet: *Employees who do not wish to be part of the company's healthcare program can opt out if they want to.* | + **of** *The treaty gave Britain the right to opt out of the single European currency system.*

**have nothing to do with** /hæv ,nʌθɪŋ tə 'du: wɪð/ [v phrase not in progressive] to not be involved in any way in something bad or illegal – use this especially when other people think that you were involved: *I'm sure that Tony had nothing to do with the robbery.* | *Connie had nothing to do with the break-up of my marriage.* | *The editor pointed out that he had nothing to do with the discredited advertising campaign.*

**take no further part in** /teɪk ,nəʊ fɜ:'ðər 'pɑ:rt ɪn/ [v phrase] to stop taking part in something that you were actively involved in before: *Lineker was injured and took no further part in the game.* | *Schmidt's lawyer said that he would take no further part in the trial.*

**armchair** /'ɑ:rmtʃeər, ,ɑ:rm'tʃeər/ [adj only before noun] an **armchair** critic, sportsman, revolutionary etc is someone who does not take part in politics, sport etc but who reads a lot about it or watches it on television, especially someone who thinks they know better than the people doing it and is ready to give them advice: *It's very easy to be an armchair critic but much harder to come up with solutions that will work.* | *Armchair travellers can now visit the world's most exotic countries via the Internet.* | *Like most*



armchair sportsmen, Terry is sure he understands the game better than the referees.

**on the sidelines** /ɒn ðə 'saɪdlaɪnz/ [adv] if you stay, sit, or wait **on the sidelines** when something is happening, you do not take part in it, even though you may want to or should do: *You can't just wait on the sidelines and hope things will improve.* | *How can we sit on the sidelines when thousands of innocent civilians are being killed.*

## 10 to not let someone take part

- ▶ leave out
- ▶ drop
- ▶ exclude

**leave out** /,li:v 'aʊt/ [phr v T] to not include someone in an activity or in a group **leave sb out** *I can't believe she invited everyone else in the office and left me out.* | **leave out sb** *We meant to include everyone, but we accidentally left out three members.* | **leave sb out of sth** *Her husband was always leaving her out of his plans.*

**exclude** /ɪk'sklu:d/ [v T] to prevent someone from taking part in an activity, or from joining a group: *Joe felt sure the others were speaking Russian simply to exclude him.* | **exclude sb from sth** *The Catholic church continues to exclude women from the priesthood.* | *Stack belongs to a country club that once excluded blacks and Jews from membership.* — **exclusion** /ɪk'sklu:ʒən/ [n U] **the exclusion of sb from sth** *The exclusion of minorities from the film industry is one of Hollywood's dirty little secrets.*

**drop** /drɒp|dra:p/ [v T] to decide that someone can no longer be in a team: *He couldn't run fast enough, so the coach dropped him.* | **drop sb from sth** *She was dropped from the badminton team because she missed practice too often.*

## 11 when you do not want to take part in something

- ▶ want no part in
- ▶ count/leave me out
- ▶ want nothing to do with

**want no part in** British /**want no part of sth** American /,wɒnt nəʊ 'pɑ:t ɪn, ,wɒnt nəʊ 'pɑ:t əv (sth) ||,wɑ:nt-/ [v phrase not in progressive] to not want to take part at all in a plan or activity, especially because you disapprove of it: *I want no part in the deal if drugs are involved.* | *The Foundation's conservative leadership made it clear it wanted no part of anything controversial.*

**want nothing to do with** /wɒnt ,nʌθɪŋ tə 'du: wɪð|wɑ:nt-/ [v phrase not in progressive] to not want to take part in or be involved with something, especially because you disapprove of it: *'Is Robert going to help?' 'No, he wants nothing more to do with it.'* | *A large part of the membership wants nothing to do with the protests and demonstrations.*

**count/leave me out** /,kaʊnt, ,li:v mi: 'aʊt/ [v phrase] spoken say this when you do not want to take part in something which has been suggested: *If that's what you're going to do, you can count me out.* | *Leave me out. I'd be crazy to get involved in something like that.* | **leave me out of it** *You two have to settle it between yourselves – leave me out of it.*

# talk

## WHAT'S HERE

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## to talk to sb

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## 1 to talk to someone

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make small talk
- ▶ visit
- ▶ converse
- ▶ chat/live chat

**talk** /tɔ:k/ [v I] to say something to someone, or have a conversation: *We sat around talking for hours.* | *two friends talking on the phone* | + **about** *They talked about their favourite pop stars.* | + **to** *Danny was talking to a girl he'd just met at the bar.* | *It's been nice talking to you.* | **talk with sb** *American I left Mario talking with my mother.*

**speak** /spi:k/ [v I] to talk to someone. **Speak** is more formal than **talk**: *The brothers haven't spoken since the funeral.* | + **to** *There's a man from the Times on the phone who wants to speak to you.* | *I spoke to a few people at the party who knew him.*

**say something** /'seɪ sʌmθɪŋ/ [v phrase] *Did you say something? Sorry – I wasn't listening.* | *No one said anything.* | *The older woman said something in Spanish.* | + **about** *I can remember him saying something about his mother being ill.* | + **to** *Pradeep could hear her saying something to the nurse.*

**chat** /tʃæt/ [v I] especially British to talk in a friendly and informal way, especially about things that are not very important: *The girls were sitting on the steps, chatting.* | + **about** *We drank our coffee and chatted about our experiences.* | + **with/to** *Harry chatted to a couple of Australian tourists as we waited for the show to begin.*

**have a conversation** /hæv ə ,kɒnvər-'seɪʃən||,kɑ:n-/ [v phrase] to talk to someone for a period of time: *Could we just sit down and have a normal conversation without shouting?* | + **about** *We were sitting around the kitchen table having a conversation about food and restaurants.*

**be in conversation** /bi: ɪn ,kɒnvər'seɪʃən||-,kɑ:n-/ [v phrase] to be having a conversation, especially one that takes all your attention + **with** *When I arrived, Diana was already in animated conversation with Mr Summers.* | **be deep in conversation** (=so that you do not notice what is happening around you) *The two men were deep in conversation as they walked up the path.*

**make conversation/make small talk** /,meɪk kɒnvər'seɪʃən||-kɑ:n-, meɪk 'smɔ:l tɔ:k/ [v phrase] to make an effort to have a conversation with someone, just in order to seem friendly or polite: *I tried to make small talk, but Darden wasn't interested.* | *'Why did you tell her that?' 'I was just making conversation.'* | **make polite conversation** *Sheila was*



*sitting next to the boss's wife and felt obliged to make polite conversation.*

**visit** /'vɪzɪt/ [v l] American informal to talk in a relaxed way to someone you know well: *Mom and Aunt Jo were sitting drinking coffee and visiting.* | + **with** *I don't see him that often, but I like to go and visit with him when I can.*

**converse** /kən'vɜːrs/ [v l] formal to have a conversation: *We met once and conversed briefly. That was the extent of our acquaintance.* | + **with** *The conference gave me an opportunity to meet and converse with VIPs in relaxed surroundings.*

**chat/live chat** /tʃæt, laɪv 'tʃæt/ [n U] when people talk to each other using the Internet by typing in what they want to say and having this sent immediately to someone using a computer in a different place: *On-line chat is becoming an increasingly popular way for young people to make new friends.* | *Log on to live chat this evening and put your questions to your favourite pop stars.*

## 2 to talk to someone about a problem, plan, or serious subject

- ▶ **talk**
- ▶ **discuss**
- ▶ **speak to**
- ▶ **have a talk**
- ▶ **have a conversation**
- ▶ **talk over**
- ▶ **have a word with**
- ▶ **have a heart-to-heart talk/heart-to-heart**
- ▶ **talk shop**
- ▶ **talk turkey**

**talk** /tɔːk/ [v l] *I think we need to talk.* | + **about** *If you're having trouble at school, let's sit down and talk about it.* | + **to** *Gerry wants to talk to his girlfriend before he makes a decision.* | + **with** American *It's important to talk with your kids about drugs, alcohol, and sex.*

**discuss** /dɪ'skʌs/ [v T] if people discuss a subject or situation, they exchange ideas and opinions about it, so it is easier to make a decision or make plans: *The whole family got together to discuss funeral arrangements.* | *We never discuss our financial difficulties in front of the children.* | + **what/how/where etc** *We need to discuss what kind of food we want at the party.* | **discuss sth with sb** *Don't make any plans yet – I want to discuss this with Jamie first.*

**speak to** ALSO **speak with** American /'spiːk tuː, 'spiːk wið/ [phr v T] to talk to someone about something serious or official: *Maybe it's time for you to speak to a lawyer.* | *The woman had come all the way from Denver to speak with the President.* | + **about** *I intend to speak to the manager about the way I have been treated.* | *Have you spoken with Michael about the scheduling conflict?*

**have a talk** /hæv ə 'tɔːk/ [v phrase] to talk to someone seriously about something you have planned to discuss, especially about a problem or future plans: *Don and I had a long talk, and I think we understand each other better now.* | + **about** *I think it's time we had a talk about your future here in the company.* | + **with** *If this behavior continues, I'm going to have to have a little talk with her.* | *Someone should have a serious talk with Lucy about the amount of alcohol she drinks.*

**have a conversation** /hæv ə ,kɒnvər-'seɪʃən/-,kɑːn-/ [v phrase] to talk to someone for a period of time about a serious subject: *The two leaders had a brief conversation yesterday.* | + **with** *I've had conversations with several employers who say there are not enough qualified people to fill the jobs they have.* | + **about** *We need to have a conversation with our lawyers about the will.*

**talk over** /tɔːk 'əʊvər/ [phr v T] to talk to someone about all the details of a serious problem or difficult situation, in order to understand it better **talk sth over** *If you're worried about your work, come and see me and we'll talk it over.* | **talk over sth** *I took him out to dinner so we could talk over the problem.* | **talk sth over with sb** *It's often useful to talk things over with a trained counsellor.*

**have a word with** /hæv ə 'wɜːd wið/ [v phrase] to talk to someone quickly, and usually privately, about something serious: *His attitude got so bad his manager was forced to have a word with him.* | *Jim had a word with Mary, and she took the children out of the room.* | **I'd like (to have) a word with you** *I'd like a word with you in private.*

**have a heart-to-heart talk/a heart-to-heart** /hæv ə ,hɑːrt tə hɑːrt 'tɔːk, ə ,hɑːrt tə 'hɑːrt/ [v phrase] to have a private conversation in which two people both say honestly and sincerely what they feel about something personal: *Don't go in there right now – I think Dean and Carlo are having a heart-to-heart.* | + **with** *If you think your boss doesn't like you, have a heart-to-heart talk with her.*

**talk shop** /tɔːk 'ʃɒp/-'ʃɑːp/ [v phrase] if two or more people who do the same work **talk shop**, they have a conversation about their work on a social occasion: *I don't want to go out to dinner with him and his lawyer friends – all they ever do is talk shop.*

**talk turkey** /tɔːk 'tɜːrki/ [v phrase] American informal to talk seriously and honestly about matters that need to be agreed, especially business matters: *OK, enough joking around – let's talk turkey.*

## 3 to start a conversation

- ▶ **get talking/chatting**
- ▶ **fall into conversation/strike up a conversation**

**get talking/chatting** British /**get to talking** American /get 'tɔːkɪŋ, 'tʃætɪŋ, get tə 'tɔːkɪŋ/ [v phrase] *The three of us sat down and after a while we got chatting.* | + **to** *I hadn't been there long before someone got talking to me and invited me to a party.* | + **about** *Somehow we got to talking about television shows from the '70s.*

**fall into conversation/strike up a conversation** ALSO **get into conversation** British /fɔːl ɪntə kɒnvər'seɪʃən, strɑːk ʌp ə ,kɒnvər'seɪʃən, get ɪntə kɒnvər'seɪʃən/-kɑːn-/ [v phrase] to start having a conversation with a stranger, often without intending or expecting to: *After a while the two travellers fell into conversation.* | + **with** *She got into conversation with a woman at the baker's shop.* | *My Dad's always striking up conversations with other people in the park.*

## 4 to talk to someone for a long time about unimportant things

- ▶ **gossip**
- ▶ **chatter**
- ▶ **natter**
- ▶ **pass the time of day**
- ▶ **shoot the breeze**

**gossip** /'ɡɒspɪp/'gɑː-/ [v l] to spend time talking to someone, especially someone you are friendly with, about things that are not particularly serious or important: *Cocteau's jazz club was the spot where artists gossiped and drank.* | + **with** *I wasn't doing anything important – just gossiping with a neighbour.*

**chatter** /tʃætər/ [v l] to talk continuously for a long time about unimportant things – used especially in



literature: *The tiny gray-haired woman chattered continuously as she demonstrated how to make a tortilla.* | + **with** *They poured out of the school chattering with their friends.* | + **about** *Michele sat there chattering about her minor ailments to anyone who would listen.* | + **away/on** (=continuously) *I could hear the boys chattering away in the other room.*

**natter** /'nætər/ [v I] British informal if two people **natter**, they talk continuously for a long time about unimportant things + **with** *I can't stand about nattering all day with you* | + **about** *Keith and Tom were nattering about cars and not doing a stroke of work.*

**pass the time of day** /,pa:s ðə taɪm əv 'deɪ/,pæs-/ [v phrase] to have a short, friendly conversation about unimportant things with someone you know, especially when you meet them by chance: *I just thought I'd stop by and pass the time of day.* | + **with** *Whenever we met in the street, Mr. Kelly would stop and pass the time of day with me.*

**shoot the breeze** /,ʃu:t ðə 'brɪz/ [v phrase] American informal to have an informal conversation about unimportant things: *The men spent their evenings on the porch, shooting the breeze.* | + **with** *Hemingway came into the bar almost every morning to read the papers, shoot the breeze with the regulars, and enjoy bracing double daiquiris.*

## 5 a conversation

- ▶ conversation
- ▶ small talk
- ▶ chat

**conversation** /,kɒnvər'seɪʃən/,kɑ:n-/ [n C/U] when people talk to each other, especially in an informal situation: *Martha's a fascinating woman. I really enjoyed our conversation.* | *The noise of the traffic made conversation almost impossible.* | *They didn't realize someone was taping their telephone conversation.* | + **with** *I was too shy to start a conversation with anyone there.* | **have a conversation** *Vicky was having a long conversation with the bartender.* | **topic of conversation** *Baker's resignation became a hot topic of conversation around the office.* | **come up in conversation** (=be mentioned as part of the conversation) *Every time his father's name came up in conversation, Tom became nervous.*

**chat** /tʃæt/ [n C] especially British an informal, friendly conversation: *He didn't want anything in particular. He just stopped for a chat.* | *Mary took Tina in the other room for a private chat.* | **have a chat** *I'm actually glad you're late – it gave Ken and me a chance to have a good chat.*

**small talk** /'smɔ:l tɔ:k/ [n U] the kind of conversation in which people talk about unimportant things in order to be polite or to avoid serious subjects: *Most of what gets said at parties is just small talk.* | **make small talk** *Heath doesn't waste time making small talk – he comes straight to the point.*

## 6 to talk about other people's private lives

- ▶ gossip
- ▶ talk
- ▶ talk about sb behind their back
- ▶ tongues are wagging
- ▶ see also **rumour**

**gossip** /'ɡɒsɪp/ [v I] to spend time talking without a serious purpose, usually about other people's private lives or behaviour: *It's best not to tell Frank anything. You know how he gossips.* | + **about** *Those*

*two old ladies sit there every day, gossiping about everyone in town.* — **gossip** [n U] *The public never seems to tire of Hollywood gossip.* | *I heard an interesting piece of gossip about Beth Ann.*

**talk** /tɔ:k/ [v I] if you say that people **talk**, you mean that they **talk** about other people's private lives and behaviour, usually in a disapproving way: *We mustn't be seen together in public again. People are starting to talk.*

**talk about sb behind their back** /tɔ:k əbaʊt (sb) bɪ,haɪnd ðeə 'bæk/ [v phrase] to talk about someone when they are not present: *I hate people who talk about you behind your back and then pretend to be nice to you when they meet you.*

**tongues are wagging** /,tʌŋz ə 'wæɡɪŋ/ used for saying that many people are talking about someone's private life in an unkind or disapproving way: *Tongues are wagging about Hollywood's newest couple.* | **set tongues wagging** (=cause people to start talking about you) *Thurmond's marriage so soon after his wife died set tongues wagging.*

## 7 to talk too much about a particular thing

- ▶ go on
- ▶ harp on
- ▶ labour/belabour the point
- ▶ hold forth

**go on** ALSO **keep on** British /,gəʊ 'ɒn/, ,ki:p 'ɒn/ [phr v I] especially spoken to keep talking or complaining about something, in a way that is annoying or boring + **about** *I wish you'd stop going on about how expensive everything is.* | *Lucy keeps on about little things that happened in the past until I want to scream.* | **go on and on** (=keep talking for a long time) *He went on and on until we were all practically asleep.*

**harp on** /'hɑ:p ɒn/ [v I/T] to keep mentioning something in a way that other people find annoying: *Stop harping on the weather – we can't change it.* | + **about** *If you harp on about their bad habits too long, the kids will just stop listening.*

**labour/belabour the point** British /belabor the point American /,leɪbə, bɪ,leɪbə ðə 'pɔɪnt/ [v phrase] to express the same idea again and again with the intention of making it clear, but with the result that people get bored: *Everyone agrees with what you said – there's no need to belabor the point.* | *If the students aren't listening it may be because the teacher is labouring the point too much.*

**hold forth** /,həʊld 'fɔ:rθ/ [v phrase] to talk to a group of people you are with, giving your opinions or telling a story in a way that does not let other people have a chance to talk – use this when you think the situation is slightly humorous: *Grandma was holding forth as usual, retelling all the old family stories.* | + **about/on** *Tom was in the corner, holding forth about the economic situation.* | *After a few drinks, he would hold forth for hours on government conspiracy theories.*

## 8 to talk for a long time in a confused or boring way

- ▶ ramble
- ▶ babble
- ▶ waffle
- ▶ witter on/rabbit on
- ▶ windbag/gasbag
- ▶ long-winded

**ramble** /'ræmbəl/ [v I] to talk for too long in a confused way, changing the subject and forgetting what you have already said: *The trouble is once Dad gets started on a subject, he tends to ramble.* | + **on** *Ida*



rambled on, but Anna wasn't listening to her. | **+ about** He was a little drunk and kept rambling on about the good old days.

**babble** /'bæbəl/ [v I/T] to talk quickly and in a confused way so that you seem slightly silly, especially because you are nervous: *Don't pay any attention to her – she's just babbling.* | **+ on** He babbled on and on until everyone had left the room. | **+ about** He was running around babbling about someone named Tulkeke.

**waffle** /'wɒfəl/ [v I] British to talk for a long time without making your meaning clear and without really saying anything useful or important: *He didn't know what he was talking about – he was just waffling.* | Interviewers dislike candidates who just sit there and waffle instead of answering the questions. — **waffle** [n U] There was a lot of polite waffle about how well the Princess and her family were looking before anyone got to the point.

**witter on/rabbit on** /,wɪtər 'ɒn, ,ræbɪt 'ɒn/ [phr v I] British informal to talk for a long time about something in a stupid and boring way: *It doesn't matter what she's talking about – she'll witter on for hours.* | *George just rabbited on, boring everyone to death with his silly nonsense.*

**windbag/gasbag** /'wɪndbæg, 'gæsɒg/ [n C usually singular] informal someone who talks too much, especially in a very boring way: *What a gasbag that Mrs Jenkins is! I've been stuck with her for over an hour.* | *There's a bunch of old windbags on the town council who don't know when to shut up.*

**long-winded** /,lɒŋ 'wɪndɪd/ [adj] someone who is **long-winded** takes a long time to say something that they could say in a shorter time, which makes other people bored and impatient: *One long-winded speaker after another came to the podium.* | *Dad can be so long-winded sometimes, I cringe when he starts talking to someone new.*

## 9 to talk to someone in a way that shows you are attracted to them

► **flirt**      ► **chat up**

**flirt** /flɜːrt/ [v I] to talk to and behave towards someone as though you are sexually attracted to them, so that they will pay attention to you: *She was flirting and trying to get the waiter's attention.* | **+ with** *It embarrasses me when you flirt with other women in front of me.* | *No one had flirted with me in years, and I didn't really know how to respond.*

**chat up** /tʃæt 'ʌp/ [phr v T] British to talk to someone in a way that shows you are sexually attracted to them, in order to try and make them interested in you **chat sb up** *I'm not in the mood to go to bars and wait for sad men to try to chat me up.* | **chat up sb** *When I left the party Kelly was still chatting up that tall guy in the kitchen.*

## 10 to talk to yourself

► **talk to yourself**      ► **think aloud/think out loud**

**talk to yourself** /tɔːk tə ʃɔːr'self/ [v phrase] *I think he's going crazy – he talks to himself all the time.* | *Betty was talking to herself under her breath as she worked.*

**think aloud/think out loud** /θɪŋk ə'laʊd, θɪŋk aʊt 'laʊd/ [v phrase] to say aloud what you are thinking, without meaning to talk to anyone else: *'I don't follow you.'* *'That's OK. I'm just thinking out loud.'* |

*She began to think aloud as she always did when she was faced with a difficult problem.*

## 11 to talk to someone as if they were stupid

► **patronize**      ► **talk down to**

**patronize** ALSO **patronise** British /'pætrənaɪz/ [v I] *Kids don't like to be patronized any more than adults do.* | *Just because you're older than me, it doesn't give you the right to patronize me.* — **patronizing** [adj] *a patronizing tone of voice* | *Don't be so patronizing with me.*

**talk down to** /tɔːk 'daʊn tuː/ [phr v T] *I always get the feeling that repairmen are talking down to me, as if I don't know anything.* | *Krasny never talks down to his audience, assuming they can keep up with complex legal arguments.*

## 12 someone who talks a lot or too much

► **talkative**      ► **can talk the hind leg off a donkey**  
► **chatty**      ► **gossip**  
► **chatterbox**

**talkative** /tɔːkətɪv/ [adj] someone who is **talkative** talks a lot: *The wine was making her more relaxed and talkative.* | *Somehow I always end up alone in a room with my talkative aunt.*

**chatty** /tʃæti/ [adj] liking to talk a lot in a friendly way: *Nobles is a chatty, energetic 55-year-old.* | *The nurses at the hospital were pleasant and chatty, and they made me feel less nervous.*

**chatterbox** /tʃætər'bɒks/ [n C] informal someone, especially a child, who talks a lot in a friendly way: *Cathy's a real chatterbox – she's very friendly, but all that talking can wear you out.*

**can talk the hind leg off a donkey** British /**talks a blue streak** American /kən tɔːk ðə haɪnd leg ɒf ə 'dɒŋki-'daːŋki, tɔːks ə ,bluː 'striːk/ [v phrase] informal to talk a lot without stopping: *Once old Mulrooney got started there was no stopping him – that man could talk the hind leg off a donkey.* | *Annie had had too much to drink and was talking a blue streak.*

**gossip** /'ɡɒsɪp/ [n C] someone who likes talking about other people's private lives and behaviour: *Don't tell him anything private – he's a terrible gossip.* | *The town gossips had been spreading rumours about Bruce for months.*

## 13 someone who does not talk much

► **quiet**      ► **a man/woman of few words**  
► **silent**      ► **reticent**  
► **taciturn**

► *see also* **shy, quiet**

**quiet** /'kwaɪət/ [adj] someone who is **quiet** does not talk much. **Quiet** can be used generally about someone's character, or about a particular situation in which someone does not talk: *The new girl's quiet, but nice enough.* | *Steven's a very quiet boy who loves reading.* | *Tyrell was quiet early in the evening, but as he got to know us, he really opened up.*

**silent** /'saɪlənt/ [adj] written if someone is **silent**, they do not say anything. **Silent** is used before the noun if you are talking about someone's general charac-



ter, and after the verb if you are talking about a particular situation: *Mrs. Welland was a mild silent woman with no strong opinions.* | **be/remain/stay silent** *Alice was laughing and joking, but her sister remained silent.*

**taciturn** /'tæsɪtɜːn/ [adj] formal someone who is **taciturn** usually does not talk much, so that they may seem a little unfriendly or bad-tempered: *The ship's captain was a taciturn man who spoke only to give orders.* | *It was unlike her to be so taciturn – she must have had something on her mind.*

**a man/woman of few words** /ə ,mæn, ,wʊmən əv ,fjuː 'wɜːdz/ [n phrase] someone who usually does not talk much, because they only speak when there is something important to say: *My father was a man of few words, but when he spoke everyone listened.* | *Neighbors remember her as a woman of few words whom everyone respected.*

**reticent** /'retɪsənt/ [adj] unwilling to talk to other people or unwilling to talk about a particular subject: *Irma was a shy and reticent child.* | + **about** *Auster was somewhat reticent about it at first, but finally admitted he was working on a new book.* — **reticence** [n U] *His reticence with strangers was sometimes interpreted as unfriendliness.*

## 14 to stop talking

- ▶ go quiet
- ▶ break off
- ▶ fall silent

**go quiet** /gəʊ 'kwaɪət/ [v phrase] *She was happy to talk about her school and friends, but when I asked her about her parents, she went quiet.* | *Gerard suddenly realized that the people at the next table had gone quiet and were staring at them.*

**break off** /breɪk 'ɒf/ [phr v I/T] to suddenly stop talking without finishing what you were saying: *'It's not that I wanted to ...' he broke off and sighed.* | *Kathleen was just telling me about her new car when she suddenly broke off and ran to the window.* | **break off sth** *I was sorry to break off his conversation with Margaret, but I had to leave.*

**fall silent** /fɔːl 'saɪlənt/ [v phrase] written to suddenly stop talking, especially because something has happened to make you feel afraid, sad etc: *'Explain yourself,' Mr O'Conner demanded. Paul fell silent, staring hard at the floor.* | *Everyone in the room fell silent, and Miss Rogers dozed peacefully in her chair.*

## 15 what you say to someone to tell them to stop talking

- ▶ be quiet
- ▶ quiet down
- ▶ silence
- ▶ shut up

**be quiet** /biː 'kwaɪət/ spoken say this when you want someone to stop talking: *Please be quiet for a moment.* | *Be quiet – I'm on the phone.* | *Just be quiet and let me finish the story.*

**quiet down** /kwaɪət 'daʊn/ spoken say this when you want a group of people, especially a group you are in charge of, to stop talking: *All right, everybody, quiet down – we're about to stop.* | *Quiet down! I can't hear the TV.*

**silence** /'saɪləns/ formal spoken used in formal situations, especially by someone in authority to tell people to be completely quiet: *Silence in court!* | *Silence! Will you please let the honourable Member finish what he is saying.*

**shut up** /ʃʌt 'ʌp/ spoken say this to rudely tell some-

one to stop talking: *Just shut up and listen to me.* | *Hey, shut up down there! We're trying to sleep.* | *No one wants to listen to you – why don't you shut up and sit down.*

## 16 to not talk about a particular subject

- ▶ not talk about
- ▶ not say anything about
- ▶ not mention
- ▶ keep off the subject/question of sth
- ▶ drop the subject/drop it
- ▶ steer clear of
- ▶ keep silent/quiet about
- ▶ gloss over

▶ see also **avoid**

**not talk about** /nɒt 'tɔːk əbaʊt/ [v phrase] *It's been three months, but he won't talk about the accident.* | *She doesn't talk about her husband half as much as she did when he first died.* | *I don't know what my parents think about my living here – we never talk about it.*

**not say anything about** /nɒt seɪ 'eniθɪŋ əbaʊt/ [v phrase] to not talk about something, because it could be embarrassing or difficult, or just because you did not think about talking about it: *Didn't she say anything about the party?* | *Don't say anything about the divorce – it will only upset her.* | *The company's policy is not to say anything about former employees other than to give their period of employment.*

**not mention** /nɒt 'menʃən/ [v T] to not talk about something, even for a short time or carelessly: *We were careful not to mention her son's legal problems.* | *He doesn't mention Cathy anymore when he writes – I wonder if they broke up?* | + **(that)** *I didn't mention that we were going to the movies in front of John.*

**keep off the subject/question of sth** /kiːp ɒf ðə 'sʌbdʒɪkt, 'kwestʃən əv (sth)/ [phr v T] to deliberately not talk about something, especially because the subject could be embarrassing or difficult: *I normally keep off the subject of ex-girlfriends on a first date.* | *Unless the interviewer asks you directly, keep off the question of why you left your last job.*

**drop the subject/drop it** /drɒp ðə 'sʌbdʒɪkt, 'drɒp ɪt/ [v phrase] to deliberately stop talking about a particular subject, especially because it is embarrassing, upsetting, or annoying someone: *'You'll never get me to believe that!' she screeched, so I just nodded and dropped the subject.* | *Can we just drop the subject? I'm sick of hearing about it.* | *Look, just drop it, OK? I understood you the first time.*

**steer clear of** /stiə 'kliə ɒv/ [v phrase] to deliberately not talk about something, especially because the subject could be embarrassing or difficult: *We try to steer clear of controversial issues in the workshops.* | *Her press agent asked the interviewer to steer clear of questions about her love life.*

**keep silent/quiet about** /kiːp 'saɪlənt, 'kwaɪət əbaʊt/ [v phrase] to not talk about an event or situation from the past for a long time, especially because it is very difficult to talk about: *He had kept silent about the murder for ten years before he went to the police.* | *They said they'd kill her if she didn't keep quiet about what she'd seen.*

**gloss over** /glɒs 'əʊvər/ [phr v T] if you **gloss over** unpleasant facts, you deliberately avoid talking about them or you only mention them quickly and without giving much detail: *It seems to me he was glossing over some major risks of the plan.* | *In a job interview you should highlight your strengths and gloss over your weaknesses.*







*lanky youth called Yusef. | a lanky sixteen-year-old boy*

**gangling/gangly** /'gæŋɡlɪŋ, 'gæŋɡli/ [adj usually before noun] use this about a young person who is tall and thin with very long legs and arms, and moves in an awkward way: *Janet introduced me to her son, a shy, gangling teenager. | a tall, gangly youth*

**leggy** /'legi/ [adj] a woman who is **leggy** is tall and attractive with long legs: *Robert arrived at the party with a leggy brunette. | a tall, leggy blonde*

**a giant** /ə 'dʒaɪənt/ [n singular] use this about a man who is very tall, especially when you are surprised at how tall he is: *Bigger even than his father, who was a tall man, James was a giant. | a giant of a man* The biggest of the three brothers was a sad-faced giant of a man.

## 2 how tall someone is

- ▶ **how tall**
- ▶ **height**
- ▶ **6 ft tall/2 m tall etc**
- ▶ **stature**

**how tall** /,haʊ 'tɔ:l/ [adj phrase] use this to ask or talk about someone's height: *How tall are you? | I hadn't seen her for five years and I was amazed at how tall she was.*

**6 ft tall/2 m tall etc** /,sɪks fʊt 'tɔ:l/ [adj phrase] use this to say exactly how tall someone is: *John is 1.78 metres tall and weighs 95 kilos. | She was accompanied by her six foot tall boyfriend.*

**height** /haɪt/ [n C/U] how tall someone is **sb's height** State your age, height, and weight. | *Sally had always been self-conscious about her height. | be the same height* She's about the same height as I am.

**stature** /'stætʃər/ [n U] formal someone's height, used especially when you are talking about their appearance: *The bank manager was a grey-haired man of imposing stature. | in stature* I was by no means short in stature, but next to this man I felt like a dwarf.

## 3 to be much taller than someone

- ▶ **tower over/above**
- ▶ **dwarf**

**tower over/above** /'taʊər əʊvər, əbʌv/ [phr v T] *When Howard stood up, he towered over his father. | A tall, broad-shouldered, striking figure, he towered above others around him.*

**dwarf** /dwɔ:rf/ [v T usually in passive] to be so much taller than someone else that you make them seem shorter than they really are: *Rachel was small and slight, and was dwarfed by the other competitors.*

# taste

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ what kind of clothes, music etc someone likes see **taste in clothes, music etc**
- ▶ food that tastes very good see **delicious**
- ▶ food that tastes very bad see **horrible**
- ▶ food that no longer tastes fresh see **fresh/not fresh**
- ▶ see also **food, drink, eat, cook, smell, meal**

## 1 the taste of food or drink

- ▶ **taste**
- ▶ **flavour**
- ▶ **hint**
- ▶ **aftertaste**

**taste** /teɪst/ [n singular] the feeling that a particular food or drink produces in your mouth when you eat or drink it: *I never drink beer, I just don't like the taste. | a sour taste | + of* Have some water to take away the taste of the medicine.

**flavour** British /**flavor** American /'fleɪvər/ [n C/U] the pleasant, interesting, or strong taste that a particular kind of food or drink has: *This sauce has a really unusual flavour. | We have three flavors of ice cream – strawberry, chocolate, and vanilla. | The wine wasn't bad, but it didn't have much flavour.*

**hint** /hɪnt/ [n singular] a slight, pleasant taste of something that you can only just notice + **of** *You might notice a hint of brandy in the sauce. | a wine that tastes of blackcurrants with just a hint of vanilla*

**aftertaste** /'ɑ:ftər'teɪst||æf-/ [n singular] the unpleasant taste that some kinds of food and drink leave in your mouth after you have swallowed them: *Some customers complained about the salty aftertaste. | The crab left too much of a fishy aftertaste.*

## 2 to have a particular taste

- ▶ **taste**
- ▶ **have a sweet/strong/bitter etc taste**
- ▶ **flavoured**

**taste** /teɪst/ [v I not in progressive] **taste + adjective** *This milk tastes strange – do you think it's OK to drink? | + like* It's a vegetarian pie, but it tastes just like meat! | **+ of** (=have the taste of something) *I ordered chocolate ice cream but this tastes of coffee.*

**have a sweet/strong/bitter etc taste** /hæv ə ,swi:t 'teɪst/ [v phrase not in progressive] *The soup had a very strong, spicy taste.*

**flavoured** British /**flavored** American /'fleɪvəd/ [adj] use this to say what kind of taste something has: *We have a variety of flavored waters available. | The potato salad was flavored with onions, the way Mattie liked it. | lemon-flavoured/chocolate-flavoured etc* (=having the taste of lemon, chocolate etc added) *an orange-flavoured drink | highly flavoured/strongly flavoured etc* The wines of Alsace are dry and delicately flavoured.

## 3 with a sweet taste

- ▶ **sweet**
- ▶ **sugary**
- ▶ **sickly**
- ▶ **sweeten**

**sweet** /swi:t/ [adj] food or drink that is sweet has a taste like sugar: *Italian oranges are much sweeter than the ones we buy in Britain. | a cup of hot sweet tea*

**sugary** /'ʃʊɡəri/ [adj] very sweet or too sweet because a lot of sugar has been added: *Eat fruit between meals, and try to avoid sugary snacks.*

**sickly** /'sɪkli/ [adj] British tasting unpleasantly sweet: *The melons were overripe and had a sickly taste.*

**sweeten** /'swi:tn/ [v T] to make something taste sweet or sweeter: *Sprinkle sugar onto the cooked fruit to sweeten it. | a can of sweetened milk*



## 4 with a taste that is not sweet

- ▶ salty
- ▶ bitter
- ▶ savoury
- ▶ dry

**salty** /'sɔ:lti/ [adj] **salty** foods taste of salt and are not sweet at all: *The french fries were too salty for me.* | *This wine would be excellent with a salty dish such as ham.*

**savoury** /'seɪvəri/ [adj] especially British **savoury** foods are not sweet but have the taste of meat, cheese, fish etc: *You can use this herb to flavour almost any savoury dish.* | *As a child I didn't like sweets, but I loved crisps, nuts, and anything savoury.*

**bitter** /'bɪtər/ [adj] **bitter** foods, such as coffee without sugar or very dark chocolate, have a strong, sometimes unpleasant taste: *Try not to burn the oil, it will make the sauce taste bitter.* | *strong, bitter coffee* | *The herb rue has a bitter taste, which makes it unpopular for cooking.*

**dry** /draɪ/ [adj] a **dry** wine is not sweet at all: *We drank a dry white wine with our fish.* | *dry sherry*

## 5 with a sour taste

- ▶ sour
- ▶ sharp
- ▶ tart
- ▶ tangy

**sour** /saʊər/ [adj] food that is **sour**, especially fruit, has a taste that stings your tongue slightly, like a lemon does: *The strawberries are a little sour – you may need to put sugar on them.* | *Kvass is a mild beer that is sometimes used in Russian cooking for its sour flavor.*

**tart** /tɑ:t/ [adj] fruits that are **tart**, especially apples, sting your tongue and make water come into your mouth: *This tart citrus dressing is great on salads.* | *Red currants are quite tart and usually need sugar or honey.*

**sharp** /ʃɑ:p/ [adj] having a strong but pleasant taste that stings your tongue: *The drink had a very sharp lemony taste.* | *I like this marmalade. It's very sharp.* | *The lemon juice gives the dressing its sharp flavour.*

**tangy** /'tæŋi/ [adj] having a fresh, pleasant taste that stings your tongue slightly: *The orange juice had a delicious tangy taste.* | *We made a tangy mayonnaise from yoghurt and honey.* — **tang** [n singular] the pleasantly sharp taste that some kinds of food or drink have: *The lime juice will give your sauce a delicious tang.* | *a unique cheese, smooth but leaving a salty tang behind on the tongue*

## 6 with a hot taste

- ▶ hot
- ▶ fiery
- ▶ spicy

**hot** /hɒt/ [adj] food that has a **hot** taste seems to burn your mouth, and makes you want to drink a lot of water: *The curry was so hot I couldn't finish it.* | *The sauce had a hot, peppery taste.*

**spicy** /'spɪsi/ [adj] **spicy** food tastes pleasantly hot and often seems to have a mix of different tastes: *Tina loves hot spicy food.* | *I added ginger and cumin to give the rice a spicy flavour.*

**fiery** /'faɪəri/ [adj] food or drink that is **fiery** has an extremely hot taste that burns your throat: *Peter always makes really fiery chilli con carne.* | *Discard all the chilli seeds, unless you want an extremely fiery soup.*

## 7 with a strong taste

- ▶ strong
- ▶ full-flavoured
- ▶ rich
- ▶ full-bodied

**strong** /strɒŋ/ [adj] food or drinks that are **strong** have a very noticeable and particular taste: *'How do you like your tea?' 'Strong please, with no sugar.'* | *I left the restaurant with rather a strong taste of onions in my mouth.* | *Stilton is a very strong English cheese, which has blue-green veins running through it.*

**rich** /rɪtʃ/ [adj] food that is **rich** contains a lot of cheese, cream, butter, or chocolate, and makes you feel full very quickly: *You mustn't eat too much rich food – it's bad for you.* | *The meat was browned to perfection and topped with a rich sauce.*

**full-flavoured** British /**full-flavored** American /'fʊl 'flɛvəd/ [adj] something such as cheese or coffee that is **full-flavoured** has a strong pleasant taste: *This coffee is strong and full-flavoured, excellent for after dinner.*

**full-bodied** /'fʊl 'bɒdɪd/ [adj] a **full-bodied** wine has a strong pleasant taste: *The beautiful color and full-bodied taste of these Australian wines make them an excellent accompaniment to meat dishes.*

## 8 with little or no taste

- ▶ tasteless
- ▶ bland
- ▶ have no taste/not have any taste
- ▶ not taste of anything
- ▶ mild
- ▶ delicate

**tasteless** /'teɪstləs/ [adj] food that is **tasteless** has little or no taste and is rather unpleasant: *Why is airplane food always so tasteless?* | *a plate of tasteless, overcooked vegetables*

**bland** /blænd/ [adj] food or drink that is **bland** has very little taste and is not interesting to eat or drink: *If the sauce is bland, add a little more vinegar.* | *At first, give the baby tiny portions of any bland food that has been sieved or pureed.*

**have no taste/not have any taste** /hæv, nɒʊ 'teɪst, nɒt hæv eni 'teɪst/ [v phrase not in progressive] to have very little taste – use this especially when you think something should have more taste: *The most disappointing dish was the chicken-filled tortellini with a pesto sauce that had almost no taste.* | *You need to add salt or something – this doesn't have any taste at all.*

**not taste of anything** British informal /**not taste like anything** American informal /nɒt, teɪst əv 'eniθɪŋ, nɒt, teɪst laɪk 'eniθɪŋ/ [v phrase not in progressive] to have no particular taste: *I'm not sure what kind of soup this is supposed to be. It doesn't taste of anything to me.* | *The dessert wasn't awful, but it didn't taste like anything.*

**mild** /maɪld/ [adj] something such as cheese or coffee that is **mild** has a pleasant taste but is not hot or strong: *It's a smooth, mild coffee, excellent for finishing off a meal.* | *a mild cigar* | *a mild English cheese*

**delicate** /'delɪkət/ [adj] a **delicate** taste or flavour is pleasant and not very strong: *The fish was served with a delicate mushroom sauce.* | *Salmon has quite a delicate flavour, and it should not be over-cooked.* — **delicately** [adv] *The vegetables had been cooked in a delicately flavoured marinade.*



## 9 to find out what something tastes like

- ▶ taste
- ▶ have a taste
- ▶ try

**taste** /teɪst/ [v T] to eat or drink something in order to find out what it tastes like: *You should taste my Dad's fried chicken, it's delicious.* | *'Go on then, taste it,' said my grandfather, pouring a little of his home-made wine into my glass.*

**have a taste** /hæv ə 'teɪst/ [v phrase] to eat or drink a small amount of something, to find out what it tastes like – use this especially about something that someone has just cooked, made, or picked: *That cheese looks good. Can I have a taste?* | **+ of** *I know Clare is a good cook. I had a taste of her pumpkin pie.*

**try** /traɪ/ [v T not in passive] to eat or drink something in order to find out if you like it: *'Do you like goat's milk?' 'I don't know, I've never tried it.'* | *Have you tried Alison's carrot cake?*

## 10 when someone can recognize the taste that something has

- ▶ can taste
- ▶ sense of taste

**can taste** /kən 'teɪst/ [v phrase] if you can taste something, you can recognize its taste, especially when it is with other types of food or drink: *Can you taste the garlic in the sauce?* | *Don't pretend you haven't put vodka in my drink – I can taste it.*

**sense of taste** /sens əv 'teɪst/ [n phrase] your natural ability to recognize differences between tastes: *Richard's cold has made him lose his sense of taste.* | *Our sense of taste is closely linked to our sense of smell.*

# taste in clothes, music etc

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also style/elegance

## 1 a person's judgment in choosing things like clothes, music, furniture etc

- ▶ taste

**taste** /teɪst/ [n C/U] use this to talk about the kind of clothes, music, furniture etc that someone likes: *I don't think much of his taste.* | **+ in** *Tastes in fiction vary from person to person.* | *We have similar taste in music.* | **be a matter of taste** (=it depends on your taste) *It's not necessarily better or worse, it's just a matter of taste.* | **there's no accounting for taste** (=everyone has different taste in things) *I can't understand why she likes it, but as they say, there's no accounting for taste.*

## 2 good taste

- ▶ taste/good taste

**taste/good taste** /teɪst, ɡʊd 'teɪst/ [n U] the ability to make good judgments about what kind of

clothes, furniture etc is attractive or good: *The room was furnished with style and taste.* | *I admired their good taste in clothes.* | **a man/woman of taste** formal (=someone who has good taste) *Matisse said that a photograph by a man of taste could have the appearance of art.*

## 3 when someone has good taste

- ▶ have taste/have good taste
- ▶ discerning
- ▶ have a good eye for

**have taste/have good taste** /hæv 'teɪst, hæv ɡʊd 'teɪst/ [v phrase not in progressive] to be able to make good judgments about which clothes, furniture etc are attractive or good and which are not: *Mrs Anderson has taste, and her home is lovely.* | *The Scotch was Johnnie Walker Black.* | *'This guy's got good taste,' I thought.* | **+ in** *Julie has really good taste in books.* | **have great/terrific/impeccable etc taste** *Robinson had impeccable taste.*

**discerning** /dɪ'sɜːnɪŋ/ [adj usually before noun] able to recognize things that are good or of high quality – use this especially when talking about buying things: *Discerning investors will find the guide useful.* | *You don't have to be wealthy to develop a discerning palate.* (=good taste in food)

**discriminating** /dɪ'skrɪmɪneɪtɪŋ/ [adj] able to judge what is of good quality and what is not, especially because you have a lot of knowledge or experience: *As film audiences get older, they will become more discriminating.* | *Discriminating travelers return to St. Bartholomew's year after year.*

**have a good eye for** /hæv ə ɡʊd 'aɪ fɔːr/ [v phrase not in progressive] to be good at noticing and recognizing what is attractive, of good quality etc, and which things look good together: *She has an incredibly good eye for fashion.* | *You need to have a good eye for colour and design if you are going to decorate your own house.*

## 4 something that has been made or chosen with good taste

- ▶ tasteful
- ▶ be in good taste

**tasteful** /'teɪstfəl/ [adj] made or chosen with good taste: *The room is filled with tasteful furnishings and original artworks.* | *My uncle wore a flannel suit, a spotless white shirt and a tasteful but sombre tie.* — **tastefully** [adv] *Griffiths sat behind a huge desk in a tastefully furnished office.* | *She was always tastefully dressed.*

**be in good taste** /biː ɪn ɡʊd 'teɪst/ [v phrase] to be attractive and suitable in a way that shows good taste: *Whatever she wears, you can be sure it will be in good taste, and just right for the occasion.* | *The furniture and decor are all in the best possible taste.*

## 5 someone who does not have good taste

- ▶ have bad taste
- ▶ have no taste

**have bad taste** /hæv ,bæd 'teɪst/ [v phrase not in progressive] to be unable to make good judgments about which clothes, furniture etc are attractive or good and which are not: *I know it's bad taste, but I like fluffy, lacy clothes.* | **+ in** *He has really bad taste in clothes.* | **have terrible/awful/appalling etc taste** *She*



*just has such awful taste – I don't want her help picking out dresses.*

**have no taste** /hæv ,nəʊ 'teɪst/ [v phrase not in progressive] to not have good taste: *It's unbelievable. The woman obviously has no taste at all.*

## 6 something that has not been made or chosen with good taste

- ▶ tasteless
- ▶ vulgar
- ▶ cheap
- ▶ naff
- ▶ tacky
- ▶ kitsch/kitschy

**tasteless** /'teɪstləs/ [adj] not made or chosen with good taste: *It was an ugly room with tasteless decorations and shabby furniture. | I think a lot of modern architecture is completely tasteless.*

**vulgar** /'vʌlgə/ [adj] not chosen with taste – use this about things that cost a lot of money or are very brightly coloured, and are bought to impress people: *Vulgar fashions filled the store windows. | The article describes the vulgar excesses of the newly rich.* — **vulgarity** /vʌl'gærɪti/ [n U] *He was horrified by the vulgarity of his uncle's house.*

**cheap** /tʃi:p/ [adj] unattractive, of poor quality, and showing a lack of good taste: *The interior of the car is all plastic and has a cheap look about it. | The girls wore bright frilly dresses and were drenched in cheap perfume.*

**naff** /næf/ [adj] British informal use this about something that you think shows very bad taste: *Most people think taking a package holiday in Bognor is really naff. | Don't wear that shirt with those slacks – it looks naff.*

**tacky** /'tæki/ [adj] informal cheap-looking and showing very bad taste: *cheap, tacky furniture in bright colors | The room was decorated to look like a cartoon Swiss village, but managed to be cheerfully tacky.*

**kitsch/kitschy** /kɪtʃ, 'kɪtʃi/ [adj] cheap, unfashionable, and showing very bad taste, but often in an amusing way: *the kitschy decor of the Mexican restaurant | Tourists lined up to buy postcards and assorted kitsch souvenirs.*

# teach

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **learn, subject, explain, instructions, school/university**

## 1 to teach someone a skill or how to do something

- ▶ teach
- ▶ train
- ▶ coach
- ▶ instruct
- ▶ show sb the ropes

**teach** /ti:tʃ/ [v T] *I've always wanted to learn to ski – could you teach me? | teach sth to sb* *It took us several hours to teach all the dance moves to the girls. | teach sb sth* *Grandpa taught me a new card trick. | teach sb (how) to do sth* *Who taught you to drive? | My mother taught me how to cook.*

**train** /treɪn/ [v T] to teach someone the practical skills and knowledge that they need to do a job: *A lot of employers don't train their staff properly. | train sb to do sth* *All employees will be trained to use the new computer system. | The dog was trained to detect*

*illegal drugs. | train sb in sth* *We train people in skills such as typing and business administration. — trained* [adj usually before noun] *The service is run by trained nurses. | fully trained* *All the staff are fully trained and willing to help in any way they can.*

**coach** /kəʊtʃ/ [v I/T] to teach a person or a team the skills they need for a sport: *He seems to enjoy coaching children. | We need someone to coach the school team. | As well as teaching French, Martin coached tennis in his spare time.*

**instruct** /ɪn'strʌkt/ [v T] to teach someone about something, especially a practical subject or skill, by explaining it and showing them what to do: *The person who instructed you obviously didn't know much about map-reading! | instruct sb in sth* *New recruits are instructed in marching and the handling of weapons.*

**show sb the ropes** /,ʃəʊ (sb) ðə 'rəʊps/ [v phrase] informal to show someone how to do something such as a job that they are new to: *You'll need someone with you for the first few days to show you the ropes. | Susan will show you the ropes and answer any questions that you have.*

## 2 to teach in a school, college etc as your job

- ▶ teach
- ▶ lecture
- ▶ give

**teach** /ti:tʃ/ [v I/T] to teach in a school, college etc as your job: *I taught for a year in France. | She got a job teaching German at a local school. | I prefer teaching the older children. | Miss Himes teaches the youngest class, the four- and five-year-olds. | teach sth to sb* *She teaches English to Italian students. | Teaching literature to the fifth grade is no joke! | teach sb sth* *You must remember Mr Hughes – he used to teach us history. | teach school* *American (=to teach in a school)* *My Dad taught school in New York.*

**lecture** /'lektʃər/ [v I] to teach in a university or college: *Before his retirement he lectured at the Institut Pasteur. | + on* *She lectures on Shakespeare at Edinburgh University. | + in* *For many years Dr Thornton lectured in Economics at University College.*

**give** /gɪv/ [v T] if someone gives a class, lecture, or course, they teach it: *Dr Hebden will be giving a lecture later this week on the role of women in the economy. | Who's giving the class this afternoon?*

## 3 to teach people how they should think or behave

- ▶ teach
- ▶ educate
- ▶ bring up
- ▶ instil
- ▶ brainwash
- ▶ condition
- ▶ indoctrinate

**teach** /ti:tʃ/ [v T] to teach someone, especially a child or young person, how to behave or what to believe **teach sb to do sth** *When I was young, children were taught to treat older people with respect. | teach sb (that)* *Joe's mother taught him that he could do anything, if only he tried hard enough. | teach sb sth* *Parents need to teach their children the difference between right and wrong.*

**educate** /'edʒukeɪt/ [v T] to teach people, especially over a long period of time, about things that will be helpful to them in life: *We need to educate people so that they understand the importance of a good, healthy diet. | educate sb about sth* *Youngsters must be educated about the dangers of drugs. |*



**educate sb to do sth** *What we're trying to do is to educate young people to be responsible citizens.*

**bring up** /ˌbrɪŋ ˈʌp/ [phr v T] to teach your child or children how to behave or think as they grow up  
**bring sb up to do sth** *I was brought up to spend money carefully and save as much as I could. | Stan had been brought up to believe that a man should work to support his wife. | bring sb up in the belief/conviction/knowledge that Alison was brought up in the belief that she was in some way superior to other children.*

**instil** British /ˈɪnstɪl/ American /ɪnˈstɪl/ [v T] formal to teach someone a way of thinking or behaving, especially relating to morals, good manners, over a long period of time: *We aim to teach the children discipline and instil a sense of duty. | instil sth in/into sb We have tried to instil good manners in our children from an early age. | She instilled tremendous enthusiasm into all her students.*

**brainwash** /ˈbreɪnwɒʃ/-wɔːʃ/ [v T] to teach someone to believe something by continuously repeating it over a long period of time, especially when they are tired, weak, or confused, so that they accept it without questioning it: *Mrs Davis accused the cult of having brainwashed her daughter. | brainwash sb into doing sth For years we've been brainwashed by advertising into buying more and more things that we don't need. — brainwashing* [n U] *Brainwashing techniques include preventing the person from sleeping and depriving them of any human contact.*

**condition** /kənˈdɪʃən/ [v T] to make someone think or react in a particular way by influencing their attitudes or reactions over a long period of time  
**condition sb to do sth** *He was conditioned to obey his father at all times. | condition sb into doing sth The people have been conditioned into thinking that anyone from outside their community represents a threat to them. — conditioning* [n U] *It can take years of therapy to undo early childhood conditioning.*

**indoctrinate** /ɪnˈdɒktrɪˌneɪt/ [v T] to teach someone to accept a particular set of religious or political beliefs, without allowing them to discuss it, doubt it, or consider other possible beliefs: *Some politically active teachers were accused of trying to indoctrinate their students. | indoctrinate sb into doing sth Citizens were indoctrinated into believing that their leader was the source of all wisdom and goodness. — indoctrination* /ɪnˈdɒktrɪˌneɪʃən/ [n U] *She believes that all religious teaching in schools is indoctrination.*

## 4 the work of a teacher

- ▶ teaching
- ▶ training
- ▶ education
- ▶ instruction
- ▶ tuition

**teaching** /ˈtiːtʃɪŋ/ [n U] the work that a teacher does, or the job of being a teacher: *Andrea took some time off from teaching when her children were small. | go into teaching (=become a teacher) What made you go into teaching? | leave teaching He left teaching and took a job as a truck driver.*

**training** /ˈtreɪnɪŋ/ [n U] when someone is taught the skills that they need for a job **have training** *Have you had any medical training? | give sb training All new staff should be given computer training. | training course We all had to go on a special training course to learn new sales techniques.*

**education** /ˌedʒʊˈkeɪʃən/ [n U] the work of teaching people in schools, colleges, universities

etc: *The new policies have been welcomed by people working in education. | Jobs in education are not usually highly paid. | the Labour Party's spokeswoman on education*

**instruction** /ɪnˈstrʌkʃən/ [n U] teaching in a particular skill or subject: *Young drivers come to us for instruction in safe and skilful driving. | Half an hour's instruction from an experienced horse-rider is much better than anything you can learn from a book. | under instruction (=being taught) The trainees work at their machines under instruction from a supervisor.*

**tuition** /tjuːˈɪʃən/ [n U] teaching given privately to one person or a small group in a particular subject: *Nina's parents paid for extra tuition to help her with her maths. | Computerworld offers personal tuition on the latest equipment.*

## 5 someone who teaches

- ▶ teacher
- ▶ tutor
- ▶ instructor
- ▶ coach
- ▶ trainer
- ▶ professor
- ▶ lecturer
- ▶ academic
- ▶ educator
- ▶ faculty

**teacher** /ˈtiːtʃər/ [n C] someone who teaches, especially someone whose job is to teach children in a school: *She's a teacher in the high school. | I remember having some pretty awful teachers when I was at school. | English/science/chemistry etc teacher The school doesn't have enough French teachers. | + of a conference for teachers of English*

**tutor** /ˈtjuːtər/ [n C] someone who gives lessons to just one student or a small group of students: *When she was ill she studied at home with a private tutor. | They hired a private tutor to help Carlos with his English.*

**instructor** /ɪnˈstrʌktər/ [n C] someone who teaches a sport or a practical skill **swimming/driving/riding etc instructor** *I managed to find a very good driving instructor. | a ski instructor*

**coach** /kəʊtʃ/ [n C] someone who trains a person or a team in a sport, and helps them to improve their skills **basketball/football/tennis etc coach** *We got a professional football coach to come and help us train the team.*

**trainer** /ˈtreɪnər/ [n C] someone who trains people in the skills they need to do a job: *Many companies now pay outside trainers to come in and teach management skills to their staff. | I work as a teacher trainer.*

**professor** /prəˈfesər/ [n C] a university teacher – used in Britain to mean a teacher of the highest rank, and in the US to mean any university teacher who has a higher degree such as a PhD: *The meeting will be chaired by Professor Andrew Jones. | Archie's father is a retired physics professor. | + of She's a professor of history at Oxford University.*

**lecturer** /ˈlektʃərə/ [n C] someone who teaches at a university or college: *Watson is now a lecturer at the University of Bradford. | a chemistry lecturer | + in a lecturer in economics*

**academic** /ˌækəˈdemɪk/ [n C] someone who works, studies, and teaches in a university, and has a lot of knowledge about a particular subject: *Academics can usually get time off teaching to do their own research.*

**educator** /ˈedʒʊkeɪtər/ [n C] formal someone who teaches in a school, college, or university: *Most educators agree that intimidating children is not the best way to encourage them to learn. | Professor Tay-*



lor is generally recognized as one of the state's most respected educators.

**faculty** /'fækəlti/ [n C usually singular] American all the teachers in a college or university: *Norman White has been on the faculty at UCLA for over thirty years.* | *Nearly half the faculty turned out to show their support.*

## 6 designed or intended to teach something

- ▶ educational
- ▶ instructive

- ▶ learning

**educational** /,edʒu'keɪʃənəl-||,edʒə-/ [adj] educational books, games, television programmes etc are designed to help you to learn something: *a shop selling educational toys for 7- to 11-year-olds* | *a leading publisher of educational books and software*

**instructive** /ɪn'strʌktɪv/ [adj] providing a lot of useful information, explanations, and knowledge about something: *Lectures must be interesting as well as instructive.* | *The books are designed to be both entertaining and instructive.*

**learning** /'lɜːnɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] use this about books, methods, activities etc that are intended to teach people something: *They stock a wide variety of learning materials for younger students.* | *How can we make the most of the Internet as a learning tool?*

# tear

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ to cry because you are unhappy see **cry**
- ▶ see also **cut, break, damage, destroy, spoil**

## 1 to damage paper, cloth, or clothing

- ▶ tear
- ▶ rip

- ▶ ladder
- ▶ split

**tear** /teər/ [v T] to damage paper, cloth, or clothing by pulling it too hard, or by letting it touch something sharp: *She unwrapped the present carefully, trying not to tear the paper.* | **tear sth on sth** *I had torn the knees of my jeans on the rough gravel.* | **tear sth out/tear out sth** *She tore a page out of her diary and wrote her phone number on it.* | **tear sth off/tear off sth** *The attendant tore off the parking ticket and handed it back.* | **tear sth open/tear open sth** *Peter-son tore open the envelope.* | **tear a hole in sth** *I tore a hole in my jacket, climbing over the fence.* | **tear sth in half** *He took my ticket and tore it in half.* 'Row J, seats 8 and 9.'

**rip** /rɪp/ [v T] to tear something quickly or violently: *Stop pulling my dress! You'll rip it!* | **rip sth out/rip out sth** *You can see where the label has been ripped out.* | **rip sth on sth** *I ripped my skirt on a broken chair.* | **rip sth open/rip open sth** *Beth excitedly ripped open the package.*

**ladder** /'lædə/ [v T] British if a woman ladders her tights or stockings, she accidentally tears them so that a line of stitches becomes loose: *Damn! I've laddered my tights!*

**split** /splɪt/ [v T] if you split your trousers, a long straight tear appears in them when you bend over or when you try to put on a pair that is too tight: *He bent down and split his trousers.*

## 2 to deliberately destroy something by tearing it into pieces

- ▶ tear up
- ▶ rip up
- ▶ shred

- ▶ tear/rip sth to shreds

**tear up** /,teər 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to tear a piece of paper or cloth into many pieces **tear up sth** *After Alan left, she tore up all his old letters.* | **tear sth up** *Pamela tore the note up and threw it in the wastebasket.* — **torn-up** /'tɔːrn 'ʌp/ [adj] *Use torn-up newspaper to line the bottom of the rabbit's cage.*

**rip up** /,rɪp 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to tear something into pieces quickly or angrily **rip up sth** *Martine ripped up her essay and started again.* | **rip sth up** *He'd get frustrated and throw his pencil down and rip his paper up.*

**shred** /ʃred/ [v T] to deliberately destroy letters, secret documents etc by putting them through a special machine which cuts them into long thin pieces: *The superintendent gave his secretary some letters to shred.* | *Some photographs and important documents – the only evidence available – had been shredded.*

**tear/rip sth to shreds** /,teər, ,rɪp (sth) tə 'ʃredz/ [v phrase] to tear a piece of paper into very small pieces, especially because you are angry: *Karen tore his photograph to shreds.* | *He tore out the page and ripped it to shreds.*

## 3 to become torn accidentally

- ▶ tear
- ▶ rip

- ▶ split

**tear** /teər/ [v I] *My jacket caught on a nail and tore.* | *Don't pull on the cloth, it will tear.* | **tear easily** *Be careful, the paper tears easily.*

**rip** /rɪp/ [v I] to become badly torn, especially as the result of a sudden movement: *Tom heard his shorts rip as he climbed over the gate.* | *My zipper was stuck, and the material around it ripped as I pulled on it.*

**split** /splɪt/ [v I] if material splits, a long straight tear appears in it: *Hudson's coat had split right up the back.* | *These shoes are so old the canvas had split.*

## 4 when something has been torn

- ▶ torn
- ▶ be in shreds
- ▶ frayed

- ▶ tattered
- ▶ ragged

**torn** /tɔːrn/ [adj] when something made of cloth or paper has been torn: *He was wearing torn trousers and a ragged jacket.* | *The pages of the book were torn and faded.* | **get torn** *If the cover of a book gets torn, the library sends it to be repaired.*

**be in shreds** /biː ɪn 'ʃredz/ [v phrase] if a piece of cloth or paper is in shreds, it has been torn and damaged so much that it has almost fallen apart: *The curtains hung in shreds and the carpet was worn thin.* | *The clothes were handed down in the family, and by the time they reached the last child, they were in shreds.*

**frayed** /freɪd/ [adj] clothes or things made of cloth that are frayed are torn a little along the edges, usually because they have been used a lot: *He had on frayed jeans and an old white shirt.* | **frayed at the cuffs/collar/edges etc** *The jacket was a little frayed at the cuffs.*



**tattered** /'tætəd/ [adj] cloth, paper, or a piece of clothing that is **tattered** is torn in many places, especially because it has been used a lot: *A man in tattered blue dungarees was busy in the garage.* | *The old diary was yellowed and tattered.*

**ragged** /'rægɪd/ [adj] clothes or things made of cloth that are **ragged** are torn and untidy, often because the people who own them are very poor: *The blanket she wore over her shoulders was ragged and filthy.* | *A man in ragged clothes was begging on the corner.*

## 5 a hole that is made when something is torn

- ▶ **tear**
- ▶ **ladder**
- ▶ **rip**

**tear** /teə/ [n C] How did you get that **tear** in your jacket? | *There's a small tear near the corner of the painting.*

**rip** /rɪp/ [n C] a long hole that is made when something such as a piece of clothing is torn: *The rips in the boat's old sails had been patched again and again.* | *A rip in a repair worker's protective suit increases the risk of getting a shock as they work on the electricity lines.*

**ladder** British /**run** especially American /'lædə, rʌn/ [n C] a line of torn stitches in a pair of tights etc: *There's a run in these pantyhose.* | **get a ladder/run** *I got a ladder in my tights.*

# telephone

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **contact, message, letter, computers/Internet/email**

## 1 to speak to someone by telephone

- ▶ **call**
- ▶ **phone**
- ▶ **telephone**
- ▶ **ring/phone up**
- ▶ **give sb a call**
- ▶ **make a call/phone call/telephone call**
- ▶ **be on the phone**
- ▶ **give sb a buzz/ring**
- ▶ **get through**

**call** /kɔ:l/ [v I/T] To find out more, **call** 555-1972. | *Can you call Becky before six?* | *She called about twenty minutes ago.* | **+ for** *I'll call for a taxi now.* | **call round** British /**around** American (=call several people or organizations, especially to get information) *I called round to see if anyone knew where Tom was.* | *His secretary started calling around to find out where the commission was meeting.*

**phone** ALSO **ring** British /fəʊn, rɪŋ/ [v I/T] *I'll phone you if there's any news.* | *Shall I ring Sarah to see if she wants to come out with us?* | *Did anyone ring while I was out?* | *Jill phoned to tell you she'll see you tonight.* | **+ for** *Let's phone for a pizza tonight.* | **phone/ring round** British (=telephone several people or organizations, especially to get information) *You'd better ring round some travel agents to get some prices.*

**telephone** /'telɪfəʊn/ [v I/T] to speak to someone by telephone. **Telephone** is more formal than **phone** or **call**, and is used especially in writing: *About five o'clock, a woman telephoned Bernstein.* | *For details of your nearest tourist office telephone 4127.* | *Mr Dodd telephoned this morning.* | **+ for** *Write or telephone for more information.*

**ring/phone up** British /**call up** American /,rɪŋ, fəʊn 'ʌp, kɔ:l 'ʌp/ [phr v I/T] to speak to someone by telephone, especially in order to have a friendly conversation with them or to ask for information: *Your uncle rang up about an hour ago.* | *'I don't know what time the last train is.'* | *'Well, phone up and find out.'* | **ring/call/phone up sb** *Why don't you call up Jackie and apologize?* | *She uses the office phone to phone up her friends in Sweden.* | **ring/call/phone sb up** *John called him up to make sure of the date of the graduation ceremony.* | *I might phone him up at home.*

**give sb a call** ALSO **give sb a ring** British /,gɪv (sb) ə 'kɔ:l, ,gɪv (sb) ə 'rɪŋ/ [v phrase] spoken to speak to someone by telephone – use this especially when you are telling someone that you will telephone them, or when you are asking them to telephone: *Just give me a call if you need anything.* | *Why don't I give you a ring later and find out when you'll be free?*

**make a call/phone call/telephone call** /,meɪk ə 'kɔ:l, 'fəʊn kɔ:l, 'telɪfəʊn kɔ:l/ [v phrase] to use the telephone to speak to someone: *Diana made a quick call to Munich before the meeting.* | *There's a pay phone in the lobby if you need to make a telephone call.* | *Limit the number of personal phone calls you make at work.*

**be on the phone** /bi: ɒn ðə 'fəʊn/ [v phrase] to be speaking to someone on the telephone: *Rosie's still on the phone.* | *There's someone on the phone for you.* | **+ to** *He was on the phone to a friend when he noticed the smoke.* | **+ with** *How long are workers on the phone with customers?* | **talk/speak on the phone** *Marie and I talk on the phone at least once a week.* | **have sb on the phone** (=to have someone calling you) *Mr Rogers, I have Anita Payne on the phone for you.*

**give sb a buzz/ring** informal ALSO **give sb a bell** British informal /,gɪv (sb) ə 'bʌz, 'rɪŋ, ,gɪv (sb) ə 'bel/ [v phrase] to telephone someone: *I'll give Larry a buzz.* | *Maybe he'll want to go too.* | *Can you give Mary a bell? She rang earlier.* | *Give me a ring if you decide you can come.*

**get through** /,get 'θru:/ [phr v I] to succeed in reaching someone by telephone: *I tried calling my parents, but I couldn't get through.* | **+ to** *Did you get through to Mr McWhirter?*

## 2 to make a telephone call that is paid for by the person you are telephoning

- ▶ **reverse the charges**

**reverse the charges** ALSO **call collect** American /rɪˌvɜ:rs ðə 'tʃɑ:rdʒɪz, kɔ:l kə'lekt/ [v phrase] *Call collect if you need to.* | *If something goes wrong, call us and reverse the charges.* | **call sb collect** *Anyone with information may call Doug Howarth collect at 555-0976.*

## 3 to telephone someone again

- ▶ **call back**
- ▶ **return a call/phone call/telephone call**
- ▶ **try again**

**call back** ALSO **ring back** British /,kɔ:l 'bæk, rɪŋ 'bæk/ [phr v I/T] to telephone someone again, for example because they were not available when you telephoned them before: *'Would you like to leave a message?' 'No, that's okay. I'll call back later.'* | *I'm afraid Mr Jones is in a meeting. Could you ring back*



*in about an hour?* | **call sb back** 'Does Jake want me to call him back?' 'No, he said to meet him at eight o'clock.'

**return a call/phone call/telephone call** /rɪˈtʃːn ə 'kɔ:l, 'fəʊn kɔ:l, 'telɪfəʊn kɔ:l/ [v phrase] to telephone someone because they telephoned you before when you were not available – use this especially in business contexts: *Gage did not return phone calls from reporters to his office Monday.* | *Dr Shapiro is busy right now, but I'll ask him to return your call when he's free.*

**try again** /ˈtraɪ əˈɡen/ [v phrase] to telephone a number again because someone was already speaking on that line when you telephoned before: *I've already phoned him twice, but I suppose I'd better try again.* | **try sb/a number again** *It's engaged. I'll try her again later.*

## 4 a telephone call

► **call/phone call/telephone call**

**call/phone call/telephone call** /kɔ:l, 'fəʊn kɔ:l, 'telɪfəʊn kɔ:l/ [n C] *We keep getting calls from newspaper reporters.* | *One phone call to London got her a job interview.* | *After several telephone calls, detectives traced two witnesses to the accident.* | + **for** *Mr Deckard, there's a call for you. Will you take it in your office?* | **long-distance call** (=to or from someone a long way away) *He made several long-distance calls to Hong Kong.* | **local call** (=to someone near you) *Local calls are free.*

## 5 someone who is making a telephone call

► **caller**

**caller** /'kɔ:lər/ [n C] someone who is making a telephone call – used especially by people who work with telephones: *Did the caller leave a number?* | *Hold on please, I have an overseas call for you. Go ahead, caller.*

## 6 when you use the telephone in order to tell someone something

► **on/over the phone** ► **by phone/telephone**

**on/over the phone** /ɒn, əʊvər ðə 'fəʊn/ [adv] *You can buy them by credit card over the phone.* | *The ticket office told me on the phone that I'd have front-row seats in section D.* | *I didn't want to go into details on the phone, so we arranged a meeting in my office for the next day.* | *Maria started crying over the phone as she told me about it.*

**by phone/telephone** /baɪ 'fəʊn, 'telɪfəʊn/ [adv] if you tell someone something **by phone** or **by telephone**, you make a telephone call to tell them it: *The survey questions 500 people a month by phone.* | *Reservations can be made by telephone, but must be confirmed in writing within seven days.*

## 7 to end a telephone call

► **hang up** ► **get cut off/get disconnected**  
► **put the phone down** ► **ring off**  
► **slam the phone down/slam down the phone**

**hang up** /ˌhæŋ 'ʌp/ [phr v I/T] to finish a telephone conversation or stop it before it has finished by putting down the receiver (=the part of a telephone you speak into): *If a caller is rude, just hang up.* | **hang up the phone/receiver** *I said I'd be right there. I hung up the phone and grabbed my purse and car keys.* | **hang up on sb** (=put the telephone down while someone is still talking) *Mitchell was furious and hung up on him.*

**put the phone down** /ˌpʊt ðə 'fəʊn daʊn/ [v phrase] especially British to put down the receiver (=the part of a telephone you speak into) after you have finished talking to someone: *There was a long pause, and she was about to put the phone down when the voice came back again.*

**slam the phone down/slam down the phone** /ˌslæm ðə 'fəʊn daʊn, ˌslæm daʊn ðə 'fəʊn/ [v phrase] to put the telephone down while someone is still speaking to you, because you are angry: *Call her. The worst thing she could do is slam down the phone.* | + **on** *He tried to talk to her, but she slammed the phone down on him.*

**get cut off/get disconnected** /get ˌkʌt 'ɒf, get ˌdɪskəˈnektɪd/ [v phrase] if you **get cut off** or **get disconnected** when you are making a telephone call, the telephone suddenly stops working in the middle of your conversation and you cannot continue: *We got cut off in the middle of the conversation.* | *I don't know what happened, we just got disconnected.*

**ring off** /ˌrɪŋ 'ɒf/ [phr v I] British to end a telephone call: *I suppose I'd better ring off now – we've been on the phone for over an hour.*

## 8 when a telephone line is busy

► **busy**

► **on hold**

**busy** ALSO **engaged** /'bɪzi, ɪnˈɡeɪdʒd/ [adj] British a telephone line that is **busy** is already being used by the person that you want to telephone, so you cannot speak to them: *She tried to call Lisa, but the phone was busy.* | *I called Mom again, but it was still busy.* | *He tried Nick's suite again. This time the line was engaged.* | *Janice's number is still engaged. She's been on the phone all morning.* | **engaged tone** British/ **busy signal** American (=the sound a telephone makes when the person you are trying to call is already using the telephone) *I've been trying to call the customer helpline, but all I'm getting is a busy signal.*

**on hold** /ɒn 'həʊld/ [adv] waiting to speak to someone on the phone who cannot speak to you immediately because they are already speaking to someone else on the telephone: *You're always on hold for about 10 minutes before you get to talk to anyone.* | **put sb on hold** *I put Dana on hold while I tried to find Steve.*

## 9 when you want to leave a message for someone

► **leave a message** ► **text**  
► **can/may I take a message?** ► **voicemail**

**leave a message** /ˌli:v ə 'mesɪdʒ/ [v phrase] *No, she didn't leave a message.* | + **for** *Tom left a message for Mike on the answering machine.*

**can/may I take a message?** /ˌkæn, ˌmeɪ aɪ teɪk ə 'mesɪdʒ/ [v phrase] spoken say this on the telephone when you are offering to give a message to someone else: *I'm sorry, Mr. Perry isn't in yet. May I take a message?*



**text** /tekst/ [v T] to send a written message from your mobile phone to someone else's: *My daughter spends nearly all her time either on the phone or texting her friends.* | *Text me as soon as you get your exam results.*

**voicemail** /'vɔɪsmel/ [n U] a system on the phone by which you can leave a spoken message for someone: *Hi Jen - I see I've reached your voicemail - I'll try and get back to you later.* | *I keep my voicemail on most mornings and deal with all my messages in the afternoon.*

# television/radio

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ part of a television show *see* **part (3)**
- ▶ *see also* **actor/actress, news, switch on or off, advertising, film/movie**

## 1 television

- ▶ television
- ▶ the box
- ▶ telly
- ▶ the small screen

**television** ALSO **TV** informal /'telɪvɪʒən, 'telɪ'vɪʒən, 'ti: 'vi:/ [n U] the system of broadcasting pictures and sound, or the programmes that are broadcast in this way: *Television brings events like the Olympic games into millions of homes.* | *the educational uses of television* | **watch television/TV** *Nearly 80% of children watch TV after school.* | *People who watch a lot of television are more likely to be heavy.* | **on television/TV** *Kids have to learn that toys they see advertised on TV might not be as much fun as they look.* | **television/TV programme/show/series etc** *American television news programs are getting worse and worse.* | *a description of the fall season's new TV shows* — **television/TV** also **television/TV set** formal [n C] the box-shaped thing with a glass screen on which you watch programmes: *a wide-screen TV* | *He was sitting on the floor in front of the television.* | *We need to buy a new TV set.*

**telly** /'teli/ [n singular/U] British spoken the programmes that are broadcast on television or your television set: *It's true, I saw it on some show on the telly.* | **watch (the) telly** *You can watch telly after you've done your homework.* | **on telly** *Is there anything good on telly tonight?* — **telly** [n C] a television set: *We've just bought a new telly.*

**the box** British informal /**the tube** American informal /ðə 'bɒks/, 'bɑ:ks, ðə 'tju:bl-, 'tu:b/ [n singular] use this to talk about programmes on television or people's television sets: *The hours spent in front of the tube mean that children aren't participating in other forms of entertainment.* | **on the box/tube** *What's on the box?*

**the small screen** /ðə 'smɔ:l ,skri:n/ [n singular] television — use this especially when you are comparing television to films: *I had seen the movie before, but it didn't look as good on the small screen.* | *It's one of the best shows ever seen on the small screen.*

## 2 radio

- ▶ radio

**radio** /'reɪdiəʊ/ [n U] the system of broadcasting sound, or the programmes that are broadcast in this way: *The story was written specially for radio.* | **listen to the radio** *In the evening I usually watch TV or*

*listen to the radio.* | **on the radio** *I've often heard that song on the radio, but I can't think what it's called.* | **radio programme/show/series etc** *Madden has a daily radio show on KSFO.* | **talk radio** (=radio programmes during which people call in to discuss a particular issue) *Rush Limbaugh is one of the biggest names in talk radio.* — **radio** [n C] the piece of electronic equipment that you listen to: *Do you have a radio in your car?*

## 3 when a programme is broadcast on television or radio

- ▶ be on
- ▶ televise
- ▶ show
- ▶ screen
- ▶ broadcast
- ▶ be on the air

**be on** /bi: 'ɒn / [v phrase] if a programme is on, it is being broadcast and you can watch it on television or listen to it on the radio: *The Breakfast Show's on between 8 and 10 in the morning.* | *You shouldn't call him while the football's on.* | **be on television/TV/the radio** *There's a good concert on the radio this evening.* | *What's on TV tonight?*

**show** /ʃəʊ/ [v T] if a television company shows a particular programme, it makes the programme available for people to watch: *Highlights of the game will be shown on Channel 5.* | *They're showing 'Dangerous Liaisons' on Saturday night.* | *Should commercials be shown during children's programming?*

**broadcast** /'brɔ:dka:st|-kæst/ [v I/T] if a television or radio company broadcasts a programme, they send it out so that people can watch it on television or listen to it on the radio: *The funeral was broadcast to the whole nation.* | *Radio WXML broadcasts on 98.2 FM.* | **be broadcast live** (=when an event is shown at the same time that it is happening) *The whole race will be broadcast live from Monza.* — **broadcasting** [n U] *Meyer had no broadcasting experience when he created Midwest Television.*

**televise** /'telɪvaɪz/ [v T] to show a particular event, speech, discussion etc on television: *This year's championships are not going to be televised at all.* | *The mayor plans to televise council meetings on cable channels.* | *a nationally televised speech*

**screen** /skri:n/ [v T usually in passive] to show a programme or film on television — used especially in newspapers or in the television industry: *'Border War' is to be screened by Channel Four later on in the week.* | *The film was under attack before it was even screened.*

**be on the air** /bi: ɒn ði 'eər/ [v phrase] if a programme is on the air, it is being broadcast at that time, often at the same time that it is happening: *Someone called in while the programme was still on the air and identified the killer.* | *Winfrey revealed on the air that she had been sexually abused as a child.* | *The show was on the air for five years* (=it was broadcast at a regular time for five years).

## 4 a television or radio programme

- ▶ programme
- ▶ sitcom
- ▶ show
- ▶ soap opera/soap
- ▶ broadcast
- ▶ documentary

**programme** British /**program** American /'prəʊ-græm/ [n C] a play, news report, performance etc that is broadcast on television or the radio at a particular time, often regularly: *It's one of my favourite programs.* | + **about** *Did you see that programme about*



cricket on TV last night? | **TV/television/radio programme** When couples argue over which TV program to watch, the husband usually wins. | **news/comedy/documentary etc programme** a daily news programme aimed at teenagers

**show** /ʃəʊ/ [n C] a television or radio programme, especially one that is entertaining or funny rather than a news or discussion programme: *I try and tape the shows I don't want to miss.* | **game/talk/quiz etc show** 'Who Wants to Be A Millionaire?' is one of the most successful game shows ever. | **TV/television/radio show** Spelling continues to produce hit television shows.

**broadcast** /'brɒdkɑːst/-kæst/ [n C] formal something that is broadcast on the radio or on television, especially a speech, discussion, or news programme: *The government has banned all broadcasts by opposition groups.* | **TV/television/radio broadcast** In a nationwide TV broadcast, the prime minister explained why he was resigning. | **live broadcast** (=a programme being broadcast at the same time as it is happening) *The exciting thing about the show is that it's a live broadcast and anything can happen.*

**sitcom** /'sɪtkɒm/-kɑːm/ [n C] an amusing programme in which there is a different story each week about the same group of people: *Several family-oriented sitcoms are on in the early evening.* | *The popular British sitcom 'One Foot in the Grave' will finish this year.*

**soap opera/soap** /'səʊp, ɒpə-rə-ˌɑː-, səʊp/ [n C] a television or radio story about a group of people and their lives, which is broadcast regularly for many years: *American evening soap operas tend to be about the rich, while British soaps follow the lives of ordinary people.*

**documentary** /ˌdɒkjʊ'mentəri-/ [n C] a programme that gives you facts and information about a serious subject, such as history, science, or social problems: *The documentary explores the success of a Jewish sect intent on keeping ancient traditions alive.* | **a TV/television documentary** He made a TV documentary about the flower children of the sixties. | **fly-on-the-wall documentary** (=one that shows the daily lives of people in detail, and that is made in a way that makes them forget they are being filmed) *a fly-on-the-wall documentary about teenage pregnancy*

## 5 a television or radio programme that is shown again

► rerun/repeat ► replay

**rerun/repeat** /'riːrən, rɪ'piːt/ [n C] a television or radio programme that is shown again at a later time or date: *At this time of year, most of the primetime shows are reruns.* | *I'm not bothered about watching it tonight – it's a repeat of one I've already seen.*

**replay** ALSO **instant replay** American /'riːpleɪ, ˌɪnstənt 'riːpleɪ/ [n C/U] a short part of a television programme, especially during a broadcast of a sporting event, that is shown again, often at a slower speed, so that people watching can see exactly what happened: *Television commentators often use the replays to criticize the officials.* | *The television cameras captured the violence and played it again in instant replay.*

## 6 an organization that broadcasts programmes

► station ► the media/the mass media  
► channel  
► network

**station** /'steɪʃən/ [n C] a company or organization that broadcasts television or radio programmes: *What station are you listening to?* | **television/TV/radio station** A reporter from a local television station was sent to interview Shaw. | *Buck was sports director at radio station KMOX in St. Louis.*

**channel** /'tʃænl/ [n C] a particular set of programmes that is broadcast by one television company; there are usually several different channels, and you can choose which one you want to watch: *The final episode will be shown on Channel 4 tonight.* | **switch/change channels** A lot of people switch channels during the commercials. | **sports/nature/kids' etc channel** (=a channel that mainly shows sports, programmes about nature, programmes for children etc) *the sports channel on satellite TV*

**network** /'netwɜːk/ [n C] a group of television or radio stations owned by the same company, which broadcasts the same programmes in different parts of a country: *The series is sponsored by Ford and will be shown over the ABC network.* | *The rankings list the programs and the network they are shown on.* | *Cable News Network shows 24 hours of news.*

**the media/the mass media** /ðə 'miːdiə, ðə mæs 'miːdiə/ [n singular with singular or plural verb in British English] all the people and organizations that provide information for the public, including television, radio, and the newspapers: *Much of what children learn comes directly from the mass media.* | *The film has received enormous attention in the media.* | *There can be little doubt that in this country the media is very biased.*

## 7 to present a television or radio programme

► present ► introduce  
► host

**present** /prɪ'zent/ [v T] especially British if someone presents a programme on television or the radio, they talk about what the programme will be about, tell you about what is happening, introduce the other people in it etc: *He was lucky enough to get a job presenting 'Blue Peter.'* | *Smiley presents 'Changing Rooms', the popular home decorating programme.*

**host** /həʊst/ [v T] if someone hosts a television or radio show, they introduce the other people in it, talk about what is happening etc – use this especially about shows in which people talk to each other and programmes in which there are a lot of short reports: *Smith hosts a sports show on a local radio station.* | *The show, hosted by journalist Robert Elms, features movie stars and singers.*

**introduce** /ˌɪntrə'djuːs/-'duːs/ [v T] to speak at the beginning of a television or radio programme in order to tell people what it is about and who is in it: *And now here is Harvey Wolfsheim to introduce the show.* | *The concert will be introduced by Richard Baker, who will describe the music we are going to hear.*



## 8 someone who presents a television or radio programme

- ▶ **presenter**
- ▶ **announcer**
- ▶ **host**
- ▶ **newsreader**
- ▶ **interviewer**
- ▶ **anchor**
- ▶ **commentator**
- ▶ **DJ/deejay**
- ▶ **VJ/veejay**

**presenter** /priˈzentər/ [n C] British someone on a television or radio programme who tells you what the programme will be about, and introduces the other people in it: *The presenter read the news headlines. | Libby Purves, the radio presenter, has also written several novels.*

**announcer** /əˈnaʊnsər/ [n C] American someone on a television or radio programme who tells you what the programme will be about, or who tells you about a sports game as it is happening: *The announcer said that the contestants had been chosen at random. | Scully was the radio announcer for the Los Angeles Dodgers' games before moving to network television.*

**host** /həʊst/ [n C] someone who introduces the people on a show and who talks to people or about reports or scenes included in the programme – use this especially about talk shows, game shows, or quiz shows: *Minelli was the host for the two-hour awards program. | Jay Leno, the host of the 'Tonight' show*

**newsreader** British /**anchor/newscaster** American /ˈnjuːzˌriːdər/ [n C] someone who reads the news on TV or radio, and introduces news reports: *Lehrer is the respected anchor of the News Hour. | John Humphrys became a top BBC foreign correspondent, newsreader, and co-presenter of Radio 4's Today programme. | Wilson is retiring after 20 years as a newscaster at Channel 7.*

**interviewer** /ˈɪntəˌvjuːər/ [n C] someone who asks a famous person questions on television, for example about their personal experiences, political opinions etc: *Paxman is seen as a tough interviewer who rarely lets politicians off the hook. | My most shocking moment as an interviewer was when a movie star came on drunk and threatened to hit my other guests.*

**anchor** /ˈæŋkər/ [n C] the main person who reads the news on a television news programme: *He was the anchor for the BBC's nine o'clock news for over 10 years.*

**commentator** /ˈkɒmentətər/ [n C] someone on television or radio who describes an event as it is happening, especially a sports game: *Parcells, the former New York Giants coach, later became a sports commentator on television.*

**DJ/deejay** /ˌdiː ˈdʒeɪ/ [n C] someone who plays records and talks to people on a music programme on the radio: *Wolfman Jack was a famous deejay in the 1960s. | DJ Barry Scott hosts an oldies program on WZLX.*

**VJ/veejay** /ˌviː ˈdʒeɪ/ [n C] someone who introduces music videos on television: *Hunter is a former MTV veejay.*

## 9 someone who watches television or listens to the radio

- ▶ **viewer**
- ▶ **listener**
- ▶ **audience**
- ▶ **couch potato**

**viewer** /ˈvjuːər/ [n C] someone who watches television – used especially by people in the television

business: *a programme that appeals to younger viewers | Some shows are cancelled before they get a chance to attract any viewers. | The networks have lost a substantial number of viewers to cable and video rentals.*

**listener** /ˈlɪsənər/ [n C] someone who listens to the radio – used especially by people in the radio business: *KCEA, a big-band radio station, relies on money from its listeners to keep running. | The station was flooded with calls from listeners after the show.*

**audience** /ˈɔːdiəns/ [n C] all the people who watch or listen to a particular programme: *MTV's core audience is 18 to 24 year olds. | The program has an estimated audience of 5 million households.*

**couch potato** /ˈkaʊtʃ pəˌtetoʊ/ [n C] informal someone who watches too much television, and does not do other things: *Older adults who exercise are mentally sharper than their couch potato peers. | Use your free time creatively to show children there is more to life than being a couch potato.*

## tell

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- ▶ to let people know your feelings or opinions  
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- ▶ to tell someone how to do something or how something works see **explain**
- ▶ to talk angrily to someone because they have done something wrong see **tell sb off**
- ▶ see also **say, speak, talk, insist, contact**

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## to tell sb sth

### 1 to give someone information by speaking or writing to them

- ▶ **tell**
- ▶ **let sb know**
- ▶ **inform**
- ▶ **notify**
- ▶ **bring sth to sb's attention/notice**
- ▶ **break the news (to sb)/break it to sb**

**tell** /tel/ [v T] *If you'd told me earlier I might have been able to do something about it. | tell sb sth I want you to tell me all the details. | Who on earth told you that? | Can you tell me the quickest way to the centre of town? | tell sb (that) She wrote to tell me she was getting married. | We were told that the manager wanted to see us in his office immediately. | tell sb what/where/who etc Just tell me what happened. | Can you tell us where the nearest garage is? | tell sb about sth Have you told anyone about this? | One angry passenger claimed travellers were not told about the mechanical problems.*

**let sb know** /ˌlet (sb) ˈnəʊ/ [v phrase] especially spoken to tell someone something important that they need to know or want to know: *If you need any help, just let me know. | You mean she just left without letting anyone know? | + about They said they'd let her know about the job by the end of the week. | let sb know sth I'll let you know our new address as soon as*



*I have it.* | + **(that)** *When you get there, will you phone and let me know you arrived safely?* | + **what/where/how etc** *Jean tried to get in touch with her husband to let him know what had happened.*

**inform** /ɪn'fɔːrm/ [v T] to officially or formally give someone information about something: *Do you think we ought to inform the police?* | **inform sb of/about sth** *You should inform your bank of any change of address.* | *Doctors should inform patients about the possible side effects of any drugs they prescribe.* | **inform sb (that)** *I am sorry to inform you that your application has been unsuccessful.*

**notify** /'nəʊtɪfaɪ/ [v T] formal to officially or formally give important information to someone, especially by telling them about something that has happened or that will happen: *Passengers are requested to notify a member of staff if they see suspicious packages.* | **notify sb of sth** *Police notified the boy's parents of his death immediately.* | **notify sb that** *Staff were notified several months in advance that they would be losing their jobs.* — **notification** /,nəʊtɪfə'skeɪʃən/ [n U] *You can ask for notification in writing if you wish.*

**bring sth to sb's attention/notice** /,brɪŋ (sth) tə (sb's) ə'tenʃən, 'nəʊtɪs/ [v phrase] to tell someone about something that they did not know but which they should know: *I am sure that your parents will want to know about this, and I will personally bring it to their attention.* | *The General Medical Council cannot investigate every controversial treatment brought to its attention.* | **it's been brought to my attention/notice that** *It's been brought to my notice that you've expressed your dislike of a certain member of the company.*

**break the news (to sb)/break it to sb** /,breɪk ðə 'njuːz (tə (sb))-'nuːz-, 'breɪk ɪt tə (sb)/ [v phrase] to tell someone some bad news or something that might upset them: *Do you want to break the news or shall I?* | *She suspected that she had cancer, and that the doctors were trying to break it to her gradually.* | *After Jack's body was found, a police-woman had to break the news to his mother.* | **break it to sb that** *He was wondering how to break it to Celeste that their relationship was over.* | **break the news gently/break it to sb gently** (=tell someone something in a way that does not shock them too much) *Maybe I should speak to Connor first, so he can break the news gently to Patrick and Mary.*

## 2 ways of saying that a book, notice etc gives information

- ▶ tell
- ▶ say
- ▶ give

**tell** /tel/ [v T] **tell sb how/what/where etc** *This leaflet tells you how to apply for a driving licence.* | **tell sb sth** *The two dials in the middle tell you the airspeed and altitude.* | **tell sb (that)** *A sign told us it was the highest village in England.*

**give** /gɪv/ [v T] to provide information or details about something **give information/details/instructions etc** *The handbook gave full instructions on how to change the oil.* | *LA Weekly magazine gives information about what's on in Los Angeles every week.* | **give an account/description/report** *The article gave a vivid account of life after the earthquake.* | **give sb information/details etc** *The footprint could give police crucial details about the man's shoe size and probable weight and size.*

**say** /seɪ/ [v T] to give a particular piece of information about something **say sth about sth** *What does*

*the guidebook say about the Opera House?* | **it says here (that)** (=it is written here that) *It says here that the police are closing in on the killer.*

## 3 to tell someone the most recent information

- ▶ keep sb informed
- ▶ keep sb up to date
- ▶ fill sb in
- ▶ brief
- ▶ give sb the low-down
- ▶ give sb an update on
- ▶ report

**keep sb informed** /,ki:p (sb) ɪn'fɔːrmd/ [v phrase] to give someone regular information about decisions, events etc, so that they know exactly what is happening: *I want to know what you decide, so keep me informed.* | + **of/about** *We'll be keeping you informed of any new developments.* | *The doctor should be kept informed about any changes in your child's condition.* | **keep sb fully/well informed** *During the strike, the media kept the public fully informed about the situation.* | *Parents have complained that we are not keeping them very well informed of their children's progress.*

**keep sb up to date** /,ki:p (sb) ʌp tə 'deɪt/ [v phrase] to give someone regular information about what has been happening most recently: *We publish a weekly newsletter to keep everyone up to date.* | + **with/on** *She reads the newspaper every day to keep herself up to date with financial affairs.* | *the magazine that keeps you up to date on all the latest in rock and pop*

**fill sb in** /,fɪl (sb) 'ɪn / [phr v T] to tell someone about things that have happened recently, which they do not know about because they have not talked to you for quite a long time or they have been somewhere else: *You didn't miss much – I'll fill you in later* | + **on** *Marjorie filled us in on all the latest gossip.* | *Please can someone fill me in on anything I've missed?* | **fill sb in on what/where/when etc** *Bob filled me in on what he had been doing since we last met.*

**brief** /brɪf/ [v T usually in passive] to give someone all the necessary information about a situation, so that they know exactly what is happening or so that they are prepared for something that they have to do: *Police officers were briefed before going out to arrest the suspects.* | **be fully/well briefed** *Make sure that the PR department are fully briefed on their role.* | *It was clear the witness had been well briefed.* | **brief sb on/about sth** *You'll be picked up from here tomorrow night and briefed on what you have to do.* | *DeGaulle flew back to England to be briefed about the invasion that was about to begin.* — **briefing** [n C] *The drug squad's briefing lasted twenty minutes.*

**give sb the low-down** /,gɪv (sb) ðə 'ləʊ daʊn/ [v phrase] informal to tell someone all the information they need to know about a situation: *'Have you heard about the deal with IBM?' 'Yes, John's just been giving me the low-down.'* | + **on** *The travel reporter was giving the low-down on the evening's traffic chaos.*

**give sb an update on** /,gɪv (sb) ən 'ʌpdeɪt ɒn/ [v phrase] to tell someone the things that have happened concerning a particular piece of work, plan, or situation since they last saw you: *Let me give you an update on the trial.* | *Can you give me an update on any policy changes there've been since we last spoke?*

**report** /rɪ'pɔːrt/ [v I/T] to officially tell someone about what has been happening in a particular area of work, especially because it is your job to do so: *Is there anything to report?* | **report to sb on sth** *Nicky reports to me on any new developments in the relevant technological fields.* | **report back (to sb)** *The*



delegation will report back to Congress on the situation inside China.

#### 4 to publicly tell a lot of people about something

- ▶ announce
- ▶ publicize
- ▶ report

**announce** /ə'naʊns/ [v T] to tell the public about a decision that has been made, or about something that will happen: *The government has announced the date of the next election.* | *The winner of the award will be announced at a dinner at the Sheraton Hotel.* | + (that) *The Spanish government announced that it would invest over \$14,000 million in the Latin American region.* — **announcement** [n C/U] + that *the announcement that Mr Reeves is to resign* | **make an announcement** *They are expected to make an announcement very soon.*

**report** /rɪ'pɔ:t/ [v T] to give people news about what is happening, in newspapers, on television, or on the radio: *The local newspaper has reported several cases of meningitis in the area.* | + (that) *Our foreign correspondent reports that conditions in the refugee camps are filthy and overcrowded.* | + on *She was sent to Washington to report on the presidential elections.*

**publicize** ALSO **publicise** British /'pʌblɪsaɪz/ [v T] to use the newspapers, television etc to provide information about something such as a new product, a special event, or an important subject, because you want everyone to know about it: *She did a series of interviews to publicize her new book.* | *Orlov spent seven years in prison for publicizing human-rights violations.* | **well publicized** (=mentioned a lot in newspapers, on television etc) *The parade was well publicized, and thousands of people came to see it.* | *a well-publicized case*

#### 5 to tell a story

- ▶ tell (sb) a story
- ▶ storyteller
- ▶ narrate
- ▶ narrator

**tell (sb) a story** /,tel (sb) ə 'stɔ:ri/ [v phrase] *Some people are really good at telling stories.* | *You said you would tell me a story if I was good.* | + about *He began by telling the children a story about a giant who was very unpopular with all the other giants because he wouldn't eat people.*

**narrate** /nə'reɪt/'næreɪt, nə'reɪt, nə-/ [v T] to tell a story by describing all the events in order, especially at the same time as actors act them out: *'The Snowman', narrated by Bernard Cribbins* | *John Peace narrates his tale, taking us from his beginnings through university and professional training into his old age.*

**storyteller** /'stɔ:ri,telər/ [n C] a person who tells stories for entertainment: *He was a marvellous storyteller. The children would listen to him for hours.* | *In the old oral tradition, the storyteller was an important link with the past.*

**narrator** /nə'reɪtər/'næreɪ-, nə'reɪtər, nə-/ [n C] the person in a story who seems to speak directly to the reader and who describes everything that happens – used especially when you write about literature: *Ishmael, the narrator of the story, tells the reader why he went to sea.* | *Flaubert's narrator enters Emma Bovary's consciousness from time to time, to describe events from her point of view.*

#### 6 to let someone know something without telling them directly

- ▶ make sth known
- ▶ give sb to understand (that)
- ▶ not in so many words

**make sth known** /,merk (sth) 'nəʊn/ [v phrase] to let someone know something without telling them directly, for example by behaving in a particular way or by telling someone else who you know will then tell the person: *The Queen made her displeasure known by cancelling her visit.* | **make your feelings/views/wishes known** *People without the right to vote were often able to make their feelings known through demonstrations or riots.* | **make it known that** *The other boys in Steven's class took every opportunity to make it known that he was not accepted.*

**give sb to understand (that)** /,gɪv (sb) tʊ ,ʌndə'stænd (ðət)/ [v phrase usually in passive] formal to make someone think that something is true, or that something will happen, but without actually saying this clearly: *A friend of your daughter's gave us to understand that you lived in Michigan.* | *Although I received no official indication, I was given to understand that I would be promoted within a year.*

**not in so many words** /nɒt ɪn ,səʊ meni 'wɜ:rdz/ [prep] if someone lets you know something shocking, bad, or unkind, but **not in so many words**, they let you know that it is true without saying it directly: *'Did Sarah tell you she was leaving?' 'Not in so many words, no.'*

#### 7 to tell someone something that someone else has told you

- ▶ pass on
- ▶ relay

**pass on** /,pɑ:s 'ɒn||,pæs-/ [phr v T] to give someone a message or some information that another person has asked you to give **pass on sth (to sb)** *Could you pass on my thanks for all these lovely gifts?* | *Please pass on my sympathy to Mr and Mrs Stanton.* | **pass sth on (to sb)** *She said she'd pass the message on to the other students.* | *I'm grateful for everything that has been said today, and I will be sure to pass it on.*

**relay** /'ri:leɪ/ [v T] to send or give someone an official message, a piece of news, information etc which you have received from another person: *Mendoza relayed the news as soon as he returned to the base.* | + to *The speaker opened the session by relaying some messages to the conference.*

#### 8 to tell someone what you are feeling

- ▶ get sth off your chest
- ▶ pour out your heart/soul
- ▶ confide in

**get sth off your chest** /,get (sth) ɒf jɔ:r 'tʃest/ [v phrase] to tell someone about something that has been worrying you or annoying you for a long time so that you feel better afterwards: *I feel so much better now that I've got that off my chest.* | *Writing to you is a good way to get things off my chest.*

**pour out your heart/soul** /,pɔ:r aʊt jɔ:r 'hɑ:rt, 'səʊl/ [v phrase] to tell someone everything about some strong emotions that you are feeling, especially feelings of unhappiness: *Suddenly, Jason burst into tears and poured out his heart, telling his*



mother all about everything. | + **to** I had no idea Kay was so unhappy until she poured out her soul to me last night.

**confide in** /kən'faɪd ɪn/ [phr v T] to tell someone about something very private or secret, especially a personal problem, because you feel that you can trust them: *He was a good listener and Elinor found it easy to confide in him.* | + **about** He wanted desperately to confide in someone about his feelings of failure. | + **that** Harriet confided in me that she and Mark were considering divorce.

## 9 to tell someone in authority about something wrong that someone has done

- ▶ tell on/tell
- ▶ rat on
- ▶ tell tales
- ▶ report
- ▶ inform on
- ▶ grass
- ▶ talk
- ▶ blow the whistle
- ▶ tip off
- ▶ name names
- ▶ nark

**tell on/tell** /'tel ɒn, tel/ [phr v T/v I] to tell someone in authority, especially a parent or teacher, about something wrong that someone has done – used by children: *I'm going to tell if you don't stop messing around.* | *Please don't tell on me – Mum thinks I've been staying at my friend's house.*

**rat on** ALSO **split on sb** British informal /'ræt ɒn, 'splɪt ɒn (sb)/ [phr v T] to tell someone in authority about something wrong that someone has done, especially when this seems disloyal: *Can you believe he ratted on his own brother?* | *Don't worry, Robert's reliable. He won't split on us.*

**tell tales** British /**tattle (on sb)** American /,tel 'teɪlz, 'tætl (ɒn (sb))/ [v phrase] if a child tells tales or tattles on someone, they tell a parent or teacher about something another child has done in order to cause trouble: *'Mum, Daniel's broken a plate.'* *'Don't tell tales, dear.'* | *Sarah's teacher told her it was silly to keep tattling on her classmates.* | *You'll lose all your friends if you keep tattling.*

**report** /rɪ'pɔːrt/ [v T] to give information about a crime, an accident etc to the police or to someone in authority: *I'd like to report a theft.* | **report sth to sb** All accidents must be reported at once to the aviation authority. | *Many rape victims are too scared to report the attack to the police.* | **report sb (for sth)** A man has been reported for a number of alleged motoring offences.

**inform on** /ɪn'fɔːrm ɒn/ [phr v T] to secretly tell the police that someone you know has done something illegal: *Charlotte informed on her brother, who was then arrested for drug-dealing.* | *He categorically denied that he had ever informed on dissidents.*

**grass** British informal /**squeal** American informal /grɑːs||græs, skwi:l/ [v I] to tell the police who is responsible for a crime or illegal activity when this seems disloyal: *When we got there the cops were waiting for us. Somebody must have squealed.* | + **on** If the others ever found out he'd squealed on them, they'd kill him. | *You grassed on us to save your own life.* | **grass sb up** I don't trust her – what if she grasses us up?

**talk** /tɔːk/ [v I] to give the police information about a crime that you know about or are involved in, especially when they are questioning you officially about it: *The suspect was questioned for two hours, but refused to talk.* | *He said he'd come back and kill me if I talked.*

**blow the whistle** /,bləʊ ðə 'wɪsəl/ [v phrase] to let people know about an illegal activity which has been happening for a long time, especially when you have been helping to keep it secret: *He was shot because he knew too much and was about to blow the whistle.* | + **about** It was the factory manager who eventually blew the whistle about the pollution scandal. | + **on** We'd better get her before she has a chance to blow the whistle on us.

**tip off** /,tɪp 'ɒf/ [phr v T] to give the police or another authority information that will allow them to prevent a crime taking place **tip off sb** *Somebody must have tipped off the police. They were already waiting at the house.* | *The alert was started by another inmate who tipped off prison staff.* | **tip sb off** I wonder who tipped them off. | **tip sb off that** His contact had not merely tipped him off that drugs were on the premises, he had told him where to look.

**name names** /,neɪm 'neɪmz/ [v phrase] to make public the names of people who have done something wrong: *If you don't give me the money, I'm going to start naming names.* | *Someone – I won't name names – has been caught stealing from the stores.*

**nark** especially British, informal /**narc** especially American, informal /nɑːrk/ [v I] to secretly tell the police or someone in authority about someone else's criminal activity, especially activities involving illegal drugs: *'How'd they get caught?'* *'Somebody must've narked.'* | + **on** If things get too risky, Ken'll probably narc on you to the cops.

## 10 someone who gives information to the police

- ▶ informer/informant
- ▶ grass
- ▶ nark
- ▶ stool pigeon
- ▶ source

**informer/informant** /ɪn'fɔːrmər, ɪn'fɔːrmənt/ [n C] someone who is part of or closely connected with a criminal organization but who secretly tells the police about its activities: *An informer had warned police about the bombing.* | **police informer/informant** *The three men were released on condition that they became police informants.*

**grass** /grɑːs||græs/ [n C] British informal someone who secretly gives the police information about someone who is responsible for a crime, in return for money, when this seems disloyal: *I wouldn't inform on you – I'm no grass.*

**nark** especially British, informal /**narc** especially American, informal /nɑːrk/ [n C] someone who is friendly with criminals and who secretly tells the police about their activities, especially activities involving illegal drugs: *I wouldn't trust that new guy – I think he's a narc.*

**stool pigeon** /'stuːl pɪdʒɪn/ [n C] especially American a criminal who helps the police to trap other criminals by telling the police about a crime that is going to take place: *How could he ever live with himself after being a stool pigeon?*

**source** /sɔːrs/ [n C] someone who gives information to the police, a newspaper etc, especially someone who does not want their name to be known: *It's the first duty of a journalist to protect his or her sources (=not say who they are).* | *Our source informed us that there was a possibility of another attack the following week, possibly in the central London area.*



## to tell sb a secret

### 11 to tell someone something that was a secret

- ▶ tell
- ▶ reveal
- ▶ disclose
- ▶ make sth public
- ▶ divulge
- ▶ expose
- ▶ leak
- ▶ spill the beans
- ▶ let sb in on
- ▶ blab

**tell** /tel/ [v I/T] to tell someone something that should be kept secret: *What did she say? Tell me!* | *If someone asked me to keep a secret I would never tell.* | **tell sb where/what/who etc** *He didn't tell me where he got this information.* | **tell sb about sth** *Don't tell anyone about this just yet.* | **tell sb a secret** *Come here Eva – let me tell you a secret.* | **tell sb sth in the strictest confidence** (=tell someone something on the condition that they do not tell anyone) *I'm telling you this in the strictest confidence, so not a word to anyone.*

**reveal** /ri'veil/ [v T] especially written to let people know about something that was previously kept secret: *The company has just revealed its plans for the coming year, including the opening of new offices in Paris.* | *What actually happened to the gold has never been revealed.* | + (that) *Markov revealed that he had once worked for the CIA.* | *Ginsberg withdrew his application to become Attorney General after it was revealed that he had smoked marijuana at college.*

**disclose** /dis'kləʊz/ [v T] to publicly reveal something such as a fact or a name that has been kept secret or hidden: *The agent does not have to disclose the amount his client paid.* | + that *In the report it was disclosed that neither pilot nor controller had any experience of the radar system in use at the time of the crash.* | **disclose information/details/evidence etc** *The Security Service is unlikely to disclose any information.* | **disclose sb's identity** (=say who someone is) *He refused to disclose the identity of the politician.* — **disclosure** /dis'kləʊʒə/ [n C/U] *Investors were shocked by the disclosure (=when it was disclosed) that the company director had been spending millions on luxury yachts and villas.*

**make sth public** /,meɪk (sth) 'pʌblɪk/ [v phrase] to make a piece of important information known to the public, especially after keeping it secret for some time: *The Senator will make his decision public on Friday.* | *Reporters learned the news on Friday but agreed not to make it public until the following day.* | **make it public that** *Freddie Mercury died only two days after making it public that he was suffering from AIDS.*

**divulge** /dar'vʌldʒ, dɪ-/ [v T] formal to give someone some very important and often personal information which was previously secret or unknown: *The other three companies refused to divulge their plans.* | + what/where/when etc *I'm afraid I cannot divulge what Jameson said to me.* | **divulge sth to sb** *The contract forbids employees to divulge details of this work to anyone outside the company.*

**expose** /ɪk'spəʊz/ [v T] to tell the public about the secret activities of a person or organization, because you think that people ought to know about something morally wrong that is being done: *Her criminal activities were finally exposed in the Washington Post by political columnist Richard McCalum.* | + to *They threatened to expose him to the media unless he changed his ways.*

**leak** /li:k/ [v T] to deliberately give secret government information to a newspaper or television company: *A man was charged today with leaking official secrets.* | *The Congressman was furious that the report had been leaked.* | **leak sth to sb** *The contents of the fax were leaked to the press* — **leak** [n C] *The scandal began with a leak to 'The Times'.*

**spill the beans** /,spɪl ðə 'bi:nz/ [v phrase] informal to tell someone about something that has been planned and was supposed to be a secret: *'Does Phillip know about our plan?' 'Yes, someone must have spilled the beans.'* | *The class managed to keep the party a secret until Lorraine, unable to control herself any longer, spilled the beans.*

**let sb in on** /,let (sb) 'ɪn ɒn/ [phr v T] informal to tell someone about a secret plan or idea so that they are involved in it, especially because you trust them: *We'll let you in on our plan if you promise to keep it a secret.* | *I know you're up to something so you might as well let me in on it.*

**blab** /blæb/ [v I] informal to tell someone a secret – use this when you disapprove of this: *OK I'll tell you, but you'd better not blab!* | + about *She went and blabbed about Ernie's surprise party.* | + to *Better not say anything about it to Mickey – he'll just end up blabbing to someone.*

### 12 to accidentally tell someone a secret

- ▶ let slip
- ▶ let the cat out of the bag
- ▶ give the game away

**let slip** /,let 'slɪp/ [v phrase] + that *Alex let slip that he had spoken to Julie on the phone and knew where she was.* | **let slip sth/let sth slip** *He inadvertently let slip the name of their new product.*

**let the cat out of the bag** /let ðə ,kæt aʊt əv ðə 'bæg/ [v phrase] informal to accidentally tell someone something that allows them to guess a secret: *I'm sorry. Jim knows about last week's party. I'm afraid I let the cat out of the bag.* | *Some idiot's let the cat out of the bag – Mrs Simpson realizes there's something going on.*

**give the game away** British / **give the whole thing away** American informal /,gɪv ðə 'geɪm ə'weɪ, ,gɪv ðə ,həʊl θɪŋ ə'weɪ/ [v phrase] to accidentally say something or do something that makes someone guess a secret: *Don't mention Dad's birthday or you'll give the game away.* | *If you don't want to give the whole thing away, take that stupid smile off your face!*

### 13 to deliberately not tell someone a secret

- ▶ not tell anyone
- ▶ keep sth (a) secret
- ▶ not breathe a word/not tell a soul
- ▶ keep quiet
- ▶ keep sth to yourself
- ▶ keep sth from
- ▶ keep back

**not tell anyone** /nɒt tel 'eniwʌn/ [v phrase] *I'm leaving next month to start another job, but don't tell anyone just yet.* | *She knew she had cancer, but she didn't tell anyone.*

**keep sth (a) secret** /,ki:p (sth) (ə) 'si:kri:t/ [v phrase] to not tell other people about something or not let them find out about it: *He said it was vital to keep Operation Beehive secret.* | *It was impossible for the affair to be kept secret.* | + from *At first I tried to keep my illness a secret from my wife.*



**not breathe a word/not tell a soul** /nɒt ˈbriːð ə ˈwɜːd, nɒt ˈtel ə ˈsəʊl/ [v phrase] to not tell anyone anything at all about something, because it is very important that no one knows about it: *It's supposed to be a big surprise, so don't breathe a word.* | *Don't worry, I won't tell a soul about any of this.*

**keep quiet** /ˌkiːp ˈkwaɪət/ [v phrase] to not tell anyone about something that you know is happening, especially something that other people would disapprove of because it is slightly illegal or unfair  
+ **about** *I wish I'd kept quiet about the money.* | *We'd better keep quiet about this for now.* | **keep it quiet** *We can give you a 10% raise, but not the others – so keep it quiet, won't you?*

**keep sth to yourself** /ˌkiːp (sth) tə ʃɔːrˈself/ [v phrase] to not tell other people something that someone has told you, or something that you have found out about: *Don't tell Sam – he's incapable of keeping anything to himself.* | *Branson knew who the killer was, but had kept it to himself for twenty years.*

**keep sth from** /ˌkiːp (sth) frɒm/ [phr v T] to deliberately not tell someone something that you know, especially because you are worried about telling them, or because it might upset them: *If a patient is dying, I don't think doctors have a right to keep it from them.* | *I've tried to ask her what's worrying her, but she says it's nothing. I'm sure she's keeping something from me.*

**keep back** /ˌkiːp ˈbæk/ [phr v T] to not tell someone certain facts about something when telling them everything else about it **keep sth back** *I got the feeling he was keeping something back.* | **keep back sth** *Although most of the facts were published the government kept back certain details that might prove embarrassing.* | **keep sth back from sb/keep back sth from sb** *I must now confess something which I kept back from you earlier.*

## 14 to not tell someone something they want to know

- ▶ **withhold**
- ▶ **hold out on**
- ▶ **not give anything away**
- ▶ **not/never let on**

**withhold** /wɪðˈhəʊld, wɪθ-/ [v T] to not give information, especially when you have been officially asked to do so **withhold information/evidence/facts etc** *Civil servants should be as helpful as possible, and withhold information only in the interests of national security.* | *When the article was published, I asked for my name to be withheld.* | + **from** *He was accused of withholding vital evidence from the police.*

**hold out on** /ˌhəʊld ˈaʊt ɒn/ [phr v T] informal to refuse to give someone the information that they want, even though they keep asking you: *We all feel that members of the Medical Research Council are holding out on us.* | *Why are you holding out on me like this? I'm your lawyer and I need to know what happened.*

**not give anything away** /nɒt ɡɪv ˌeniθɪŋ ə ˈweɪ/ [v phrase] to not tell anyone anything about something, especially about your plans or intentions, when they are asking about them or are very interested to know about them: *I asked Teresa if she thought she and Liam would get married, but she wouldn't give anything away.* | *Whatever the England manager's plans are for tonight, he's not giving anything away.*

**not/never let on** /nɒt, ˌnevər ˈlet ˈɒn/ [v phrase] to not tell someone a secret, especially when they are

asking you questions about a subject connected with that secret: *Don't worry – I won't let on.* | + **about** *She never let on about her boyfriend's criminal past.*

## 15 ways of asking someone to tell you something

- ▶ **tell me**
- ▶ **out with it/spit it out**

**tell me** /ˈtel miː/ spoken *Tell me Caroline, do you trust me?* | + **where/when/how etc** *Tell me where you left the money.* | *Come in and tell me what the problem is.* | + **about** *Tell me about Thursday night. Did you visit Mrs Berry?* | **tell me sth** *Tell me a little about yourself.*

**out with it/spit it out** /ˈaʊt wɪð ɪt, ˈspɪt ɪt ˈaʊt/ spoken say this when you are annoyed or angry because someone has not told you something: *I know there's something you're not telling us, so out with it!* | *His name, Cathy, his name! Out with it!* | *What have you done? Come on – spit it out!* | *Are you implying something? Spit it out then!*

## 16 to make someone not tell anyone about something

- ▶ **swear sb to secrecy**
- ▶ **between you and me**

**swear sb to secrecy** /ˌsweər (sb) tə ˈsiːkrəsi/ [v phrase] to make someone seriously promise that they will not tell anyone about something you have told them or something that they know about: *'What's she doing here?' 'I'd better not say. She swore me to secrecy.'* | *Nobody knows much about the organization because its members are all sworn to secrecy.*

**between you and me** /bɪˈtwɪn juː ən ˈmiː/ [adv] spoken used when you are telling someone that what you are saying is a secret, and you do not want them to tell anyone else about it: *Between you and me, I think Elizabeth is a bit of a nightmare.*

## to tell sb to do sth

### 17 to tell someone to do something

- ▶ **tell**
- ▶ **order**
- ▶ **ask sb to do sth**
- ▶ **demand**
- ▶ **insist**
- ▶ **dictate**

**tell** /tel/ [v T] *'Wait here!' he told the children.* | **tell sb to do sth** *The teacher told us to be quiet.* | *I thought I told you to be in bed by 10 o'clock!* | **tell sb not to do sth** *She told him not to phone her again.* | **tell sb (that)** *The doctors have told me that I should give up smoking.* | **tell sb how/what/where etc** *Don't tell me how to behave in public!* | *I'm in charge here, and I'm not going to have anyone telling me what to do.* | **do as you are told** (=used to tell children to obey) *Do as you're told and go and wash your hands.*

**order** /ˈɔːdə/ [v T] to tell someone to do something in a threatening way: *'Don't move', he ordered.* | **order sb to do sth** *A man with a gun ordered the woman to give him all her money.* | *He was ordered to pay £4000 towards the court costs of £10,000.* | **order sb out of/into/back etc** *She pointed her gun at him, ordering him out of the room.*

**ask sb to do sth** /ˌɑːsk (sb) tə ˈduː (sth) ˌæsk-/ [v phrase] to tell someone politely but firmly to do some-



thing or to stop doing something: *Mr Evans, I must ask you to come with me to the police station.* | **ask sb not to do sth** *Would you ask visitors not to park their cars in front of the entrance.*

**demand** /dɪ'mɑːnd||dɪ'mænd/ [v T] to tell someone that they must do something, especially when you are angry or impatient and want them to do it immediately + **(that)** *You should demand that they finish the job now, not some time in August.* | *Realizing that her husband had deceived her, she demanded that he tell her the whole truth.* | **demand an apology/a refund etc** (=tell someone that they must say they are sorry, give money back etc) *How dare you say that! I demand an apology.*

**insist** /ɪn'sɪst/ [v I/T] to tell someone firmly and repeatedly that they must do something, especially something that they do not want to do: *I didn't want to tell dad about the fight, but he insisted.* | + **(that)** *I wanted to pay by cheque but the landlord insisted that I pay him in cash.* | *They're insisting we report the matter to the police right away.*

**dictate** /dɪk'tet||dɪktet/ [v I] to tell someone exactly what they must do or how they must behave, as if you had power to make them obey you + **to** *She refused to be dictated to by some stupid official in Washington.* | + **how/what/where etc** *Your parents have no right to dictate how you should spend your money.*

## 18 to officially tell someone to do something

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| ▶ order                     | ▶ decree              |
| ▶ instruct                  | ▶ command             |
| ▶ give orders/instructions  | ▶ direct sb to do sth |
| ▶ issue orders/instructions | ▶ subpoena            |

**order** /'ɔːdə/ [v T] *Only the king has the power to order her release from prison.* | *After the accident the government ordered a full public enquiry.* | **order sb to do sth** *The colonel ordered his men to advance.* | *He was ordered to pay a total of £65 compensation.* | + **that** *The court ordered that Gilmore should be executed.* | **order sb into/out of/back etc** *It wasn't until 1973 that Nixon finally ordered US troops out of Vietnam.*

**instruct** /ɪn'strʌkt/ [v T] to officially tell someone to do something, especially when you tell them exactly how it should be done **instruct sb to do sth** *It is a good idea to instruct a specialist company to inspect the property for damp.* | *One of the secretaries had been instructed to reserve me a seat on the next plane to London.* | **as instructed** (=in the way that you have been instructed) *She took the tablets three times every day, as instructed by her doctor.*

**give orders/instructions** /gɪv 'ɔːdəz, ɪn'strʌkʃənz/ [v phrase] if someone such as a leader or officer gives orders or gives instructions, they tell other people exactly what they must do + **to do sth** *It was the police chief who had given orders to shoot.* | + **that** *The doctor left after giving instructions that she should rest as much as possible.* | **give sb orders/instructions** *The General has given them orders to bomb the city.* | **give (sb) strict instructions** *We were given strict instructions that nobody should be allowed in the building without a security card.*

**issue orders/instructions** /,ɪʃuː 'ɔːdəz, ɪn'strʌkʃənz/ [v phrase] if someone such as a leader or officer issues orders or issues instructions, they tell people exactly what they should do, espe-

cially by sending a written statement: *The EC plans to issue orders banning the sale of the drug.* | + **that** *The Department of Defense has issued instructions that no one should enter the area without permission.*

**decree** /dɪ'kriː/ [v T] if a government, parliament, or court decrees that something should happen, they officially order it by making a law or by changing the existing law: *The government decreed a ban on all contact with the guerrillas by local and provincial government officials.* | + **(that)** *In 1929 Parliament decreed that all women should have the right to vote.*

**command** /kə'mɑːnd||kə'mænd/ [v T] if someone such as a king or a military officer commands someone to do something, they tell them officially that they must do it **command sb to do sth** *Admiral Boyle commanded the entire crew to assemble on deck.* | + **that** *The King had the power to command that parliament be dissolved.*

**direct sb to do sth** /dɪ'rekt (sb) tə 'duː (sth)/ [v phrase] if someone in a position of legal authority such as a judge directs someone to do something, they order them to do it: *The judge directed the jury to find her not guilty.* | *He was jailed for refusing to answer questions when directed to do so in court.*

**subpoena** /sə'piːnə, səb-/ [n C] to officially order someone to appear in a court of law in order to answer questions – used in legal contexts: *If you refuse to attend the trial we can always get you subpoenaed.* | *Another three of the president's advisors were subpoenaed.*

## 19 to tell someone to come to you

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| ▶ send for | ▶ summon |
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**send for** /'send fɔː/ [phr v T] to send someone a message ordering them to come to you: *We'd better send for a doctor – I think she's badly hurt.* | *She was sent for by the headteacher in her office.*

**summon** /'sʌmən/ [v T] to officially order someone to come to you: *President Clinton summoned his top White House aides to discuss the crisis.* | + **to** *The Colonel had summoned him to Cancun for the meeting at the Rena Victoria Hotel.* | **summon sb to appear** (=summon them to a court of law) *I've been summoned to appear at Guildford Magistrates Court on June 1st.*

## 20 to change an order that someone has given

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| ▶ override | ▶ overrule |
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**override** /,əʊvə'reɪd/ [v T] to use your power to change an order or decision that was made by someone with less power than you: *Congress has the power to override the President's veto.* | *Churchill issued a new order overriding previous instructions.*

**overrule** /,əʊvə'ruːl/ [v T] to use your power to change an order or decision, especially one made by a court of law or by a military leader, because you think it is wrong: *After seeing new evidence the judge overruled the court's original decision.* | *A general commanding American troops on the battlefield found himself overruled by politicians back in Washington.*



## 21 ways of saying that you have been ordered to do something

▶ on sb's orders/  
instructions

▶ under orders/  
instructions  
▶ at sb's insistence

**on sb's orders/instructions** /ɒn (sb's) 'ɔːrdəz, ɪn'strʌkʃənz/ [adv] if you do something **on** someone's **orders**, or **on** someone's **instructions**, you do it because they have officially told you to do it: *On the instructions of the new military government, soldiers burned books and other documents.* | **acting on sb's orders/instructions** (=doing what someone has told you to do) *Sergeant Dean claims that he was acting on the orders of the police chief.*

**under orders/instructions** /ˌʌndər 'ɔːrdəz, ɪn'strʌkʃənz/ [adv] if someone is **under orders** or **under instructions** to do something, they have been officially ordered to do it as part of their duty by the person they are working for + **to do sth** *I am under instructions not to tell you the name of the person who has sent you the money.* | *The soldiers are under strict orders to abide by the ceasefire.* | **acting under orders/instructions** *State troopers acting under orders from the Mayor of Los Angeles have put down the riots.*

**at sb's insistence** /ət (sb's) ɪn'sɪstəns/ [adv] if you do something **at** someone's **insistence**, you do it because they have firmly and repeatedly said that you must, even though you may not want to: *At Joanna's insistence we stayed the night at her house.* | *I took a local guide with me at the insistence of the government authorities.*

## 22 a statement telling someone to do something

▶ order  
▶ instructions  
▶ command

▶ directive  
▶ decree

**order** /'ɔːrdər/ [n C] an official statement ordering you to do something, given by someone with the power to do this, especially a military officer: *We are still waiting for orders from HQ.* | **obey/disobey an order** *The commander's orders must be obeyed at all times.* | *Anyone who disobeys this order will be punished.* | **that's an order** (=used to tell someone that they must definitely do something) *You will report to me at eight o'clock in the morning – and that's an order.* | **give (sb) an order** *I'm the one who gives the orders around here – just remember that.* | + **to do sth** *General Bradley gave the order to advance.* | **sb's orders** (=the orders someone has been given) *My orders are to take you to the airport and put you on the first plane to Paris.* | **take orders from sb** (=obey someone) *I'm not taking orders from you!* | **on sb's orders** (=because of someone's order) *On Stalin's orders, the target for the 5 year plan was raised once again.*

**instructions** /ɪn'strʌkʃənz/ [n plural] a statement telling someone what they must do, usually giving them details of how they should do it: *Mr Patel's instructions are to phone him immediately if you get any news from the police.* | + **to do sth** *Scott has just received instructions to return to Washington.* | + **on** *We were given instructions on what to do in an emergency.* | + **that** *Mrs Edwards left instructions that in the event of her death the money was to be shared between her sons.* | **follow/obey instructions** *If you'd followed my instructions carefully none of this*

*would have happened.* | **detailed instructions** *The boss won't be here tomorrow, but she's left you detailed instructions so you'll know exactly what to do.* | **strict instructions** *Sometimes my mother visits me at work, although I have given her strict instructions not to do so.* | **sb's instructions** (=instructions someone has been given) *My instructions were to give the package to him personally.*

**command** /kə'mɑːnd||kə'mænd/ [n C] an official order by someone such as a king or a military officer which must be obeyed: *An officer stood on one of the tanks and began shouting commands through a loudspeaker.* | **obey/disobey a command** *If any of the King's subjects refused to obey one of his commands, they were put to death.* | **give the command to do sth** *Admiral Collingwood gave the command to open fire.*

**directive** /dɪ'rektɪv, daɪ-/ [n C] an official order which is made by a powerful organization and has the effect of a law: *Article 10 of the directive requires all food to be clearly labelled.* | **under a directive** (=as a result of a directive) *Under an EC directive unleaded petrol must be made available throughout Britain.*

**decree** /dɪ'kriː/ [n C/U] an official order which has the effect of a law and is made by someone such as a king, queen, or military government **issue a decree** (=send out a decree) *In 1637 the Emperor issued a decree ordering all foreigners to leave the country.* | **by decree** (=by making decrees) *The king dissolved parliament and ruled by decree.*

## 23 to give orders in a rude, unpleasant way

▶ order sb around  
▶ push sb around  
▶ boss sb around

▶ lay down the law  
▶ throw your weight around

**order sb around** ALSO **order sb about** British /'ɔːrdər (sb) ə'raʊnd, 'ɔːrdər (sb) ə'baʊt/ [phr v T] if someone **orders you around** or **orders you about**, they keep telling you what to do in an annoying or unfair way, and they seem to enjoy it: *You won't get the best out of your staff by ordering them around like that.* | *I wish you'd stop ordering me about – I'm not your servant you know.*

**push sb around** /ˌpʊʃ (sb) ə'raʊnd/ [phr v T] to order someone to do things in a rude, impatient, and often threatening way: *I'm sick and tired of being pushed around by him.* | *You shouldn't let other people push you around – you've got to stand up for yourself.*

**boss sb around** ALSO **boss sb about** British /ˌbɒs (sb) ə'raʊnd, ˌbɒs (sb) ə'baʊt||ˌbɔːs-/ [phr v T] to keep giving someone orders in an annoying way, even though you have no authority to do so: *My brother's always bossing me around and making me clean up after him.* | *She's a strong-minded woman – she doesn't let anyone boss her around.*

**lay down the law** /ˌleɪ daʊn ðə 'lɔː/ [v phrase] to tell people what they should do in an annoying way because you enjoy giving orders and think that you are always right: *If Bob starts laying down the law, just tell him to shut up.*

**throw your weight around** /ˌθrəʊ jɔːr 'weɪt ə'raʊnd/ [v phrase] to use your position of authority to tell other people what to do, in an unreasonable way: *She likes to throw her weight around – it makes her feel important.* | *Why is everyone so upset? Has George been throwing his weight around again?*



## 24 enjoying telling people what to do

- ▶ bossy
- ▶ dictatorial
- ▶ officious
- ▶ overbearing

**bossy** /'bɒsi/'bɔ:si/ [adj] always telling people what to do, especially when you have no authority to do so: *She found Molly to be bossy and interfering.* | *'You can't wear that hat,' said Monica in her usual bossy voice.*

**dictatorial** /,dɪktə'tɔ:riəl/ [adj] someone who is **dictatorial** uses their power in an unreasonable way by always telling people what to do or what is correct, and ignoring their wishes or views: *His attitude has become increasingly dictatorial.* | *The Ministry of Trade was yesterday accused of being dictatorial in its plans for a new motorway in Kent.*

**officious** /ə'fɪʃəs/ [adj] someone who is **officious**, especially an unimportant official, is too eager to tell people what they must do and pays too much attention to unimportant rules: *The people at the tax department were very officious, and kept everyone waiting for hours while they checked their papers.* | *I got held up by an officious receptionist who wouldn't let me in until I'd answered all her questions.*

**overbearing** /,əʊvə'r'beərɪŋ/ [adj] someone who is **overbearing** has an unpleasant and threatening manner, as if they want to control you and expect to be obeyed, and refuses to listen to other people's opinions and arguments: *The manager can be very overbearing at times, and it's difficult to argue with him.* | *His wife felt stifled in the presence of her overbearing mother-in-law.*

## tell sb off

to talk angrily to someone because they have done something wrong

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- ▶ see also **angry**, **criticize**

### 1 to tell someone off

- ▶ tell sb off
- ▶ give sb a talking-to
- ▶ lecture
- ▶ scold
- ▶ rebuke
- ▶ reprimand
- ▶ pull sb up
- ▶ have a bone to pick with

**tell sb off** /,tel (sb) 'ɒf/ [phr v T] *She's always telling her kids off and shouting at them.* | **+ for** *Did your Dad tell you off for getting home late?* | **+ about** *The manager said my work wasn't good enough. He really told me off about it.* | **get told off** *I was always getting told off for things I hadn't done when I was a kid.*

**give sb a talking-to** ALSO **give sb a telling-off** British /,gɪv (sb) ə 'tɔ:kiŋ tu:, ,gɪv (sb) ə 'telɪŋ 'ɒf/ [v phrase] to tell someone off, especially a child, to make it clear that you disapprove of something they have done: *Addicts don't stop what they're doing just because someone gives them a talking-to.* | *I remember being late for school and the teacher giving me such a telling-off.* | **give sb a good talking-to/telling-off** *You should give that child a good talking-to, if you want my opinion.*

**lecture** /'lektʃər/ [v T] spoken to talk angrily to someone for a long time, especially in a way that they think is not necessary or fair: *He was lectured by the headmaster in front of the whole school.* | **lecture sb**

**on/about sth** *She's always lecturing me on bad manners.* | *After the violence on the field, the manager lectured the team about acceptable standards of behaviour.*

**scold** /skəʊld/ [v T] especially American if a parent, teacher, or other adult **scolds** a child, they tell them off: *I dreaded the thought of going home and being scolded by my father.* | **scold sb for sth** *Don't scold him for doing badly at school, he's doing his best.* | *Our parents were strict and we were frequently scolded for our bad behaviour.* — **scolding** [n C] *Betty got a severe scolding and had to apologize.*

**rebuke** /rɪ'bju:k/ [v T] to talk severely to someone in order to criticize them for doing something which they knew was wrong: *When the extent of the pollution became known, the company was publicly rebuked by the Governor.* | **rebuke sb for (doing) sth** *Amnesty International rebuked the British government for its treatment of the refugees.* | *Welfare workers were sternly rebuked by the court for ignoring the woman's plea for help.* — **rebuke** [n C/U] *There was a hint of rebuke in his voice.* | *The magazine drew a stinging rebuke from the police, saying it would only encourage children to play with drugs.*

**reprimand** /'reprɪmɑ:nd/-mænd/ [v T] to officially tell someone that they have done something wrong or illegal, especially by warning them that if they do it again they will be punished: *After the trial two police officers were suspended from duty; four others were reprimanded.* | **reprimand sb for (doing) sth** *The man was released after being officially reprimanded for illegal possession of a knife.* | **reprimand sb severely** *The foreman reprimanded the workers severely for not following safety procedures.*

**pull sb up** /,pʊl (sb) 'ʌp/ [phr v T] British to tell someone off for doing something that you do not approve of but that is not very bad **+ for** *Our teachers are always pulling us up for wearing the wrong uniform.* | **+ on** *I felt I had to pull her up on her lateness.*

**have a bone to pick with** /hæv ə 'bəʊn tə ,pɪk wɪð/ [v phrase] spoken use this to tell someone that they have done something to annoy you and that you are going to tell them off about it: *I've got a bone to pick with you – what are all these lies you've been spreading about me?*

### 2 to tell someone off very angrily or loudly

- ▶ give sb hell
- ▶ yell at
- ▶ chew out
- ▶ read sb the riot act
- ▶ give sb a dressing down
- ▶ bollock sb/give sb a bollocking

**give sb hell** /,gɪv (sb) 'hel/ [v phrase] informal to shout at someone and make them suffer for doing something wrong: *I'd better go. My wife will give me hell if I'm late home again.* | *Caroline would give me hell for evermore if she thought I'd mistreated her best friend.*

**yell at** /'jel æt/ [phr v T] especially American to shout at or talk angrily to someone because they have done something wrong or annoying: *It was so embarrassing – he just started yelling at his wife.* | **get yelled at** spoken *I got yelled at at school because I was wearing the wrong shirt.*

**chew out** /,tʃu: 'aʊt/ [phr v T] American informal to talk very angrily to someone for a long time about something wrong that they have done **chew sb out** *Even his mother used to chew him out in public.* | **chew out sb** *The Senate science and space subcommittee chewed out NASA for failing to conduct the necessary*



tests. | **chew sb out for sth/chew out sb for sth** *The boss called Diane into his office and chewed her out for losing the Thurman account.*

**read sb the riot act** /,ri:d (sb) ðə 'raɪət ækt/ [v phrase] informal to tell someone off and warn them about what will happen if they continue with their bad behaviour: *They'll read him the riot act if he ever shows his face again.*

**give sb a dressing down** /,gɪv (sb) ə 'dresɪŋ 'daʊn/ [v phrase] to tell someone off, especially in a way that makes them look stupid + **for** *Elise was delighted I rang, but gave me a terrible dressing down for not ringing before or sending a postcard.*

**bollock sb/give sb a bollocking** /'bɒlək (sb), ,gɪv (sb) ə 'bɒləkɪŋ||'bɒ:-/ [v phrase] British informal to tell someone off by shouting at them. These are rude phrases: *Being bollocked by your daughter is a bit hard to take.* | + **for** *My dad gave me a real bollocking for crashing his car.*

### 3 when you tell someone off

- ▶ talking-to
- ▶ reprimand

- ▶ lecture

**talking-to** informal ALSO **telling-off** British informal /'tɔ:kɪŋ tu:, ,telɪŋ 'ɒf/ [n C] when someone, especially a child, is told off for being disobedient or for doing something wrong: *What Sarah needs is a good talking-to.* | *After a stern telling-off from the teacher, Billy left the room.*

**reprimand** /'reprɪmɑ:nd||-mənd/ [n C] when someone is officially told that they should not have done something, especially by warning them that they will be punished more severely if they do it again: *This time the police let him go with a reprimand as it was his first offence.* | **a severe reprimand** *David was fined £100, and Louis was given a severe reprimand for his behaviour.*

**lecture** /'lektʃər/ [n C] when you talk to someone for a long time in order to tell them that they should not have done something, especially in a way that they find annoying + **about** *She launched into another one of her lectures about why we should always do our homework.*

## temporary

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: ————— permanent

▶ see also **short**

### 1 continuing or existing for only a limited period of time

- ▶ temporary
- ▶ short-term
- ▶ provisional
- ▶ interim
- ▶ stopgap

**temporary** /'tempərəri, -pəri||-pəreri/ [adj] *I'm sure this is only a temporary problem.* | *These arrangements are only intended to be temporary until an alternative is found.* | *Temporary shelters were hastily constructed as the refugees started to pour in.* | **temporary job/employment** *I've got a temporary secretarial job, but I'm hoping to find something more permanent.* | **temporary staff/teacher/worker etc** (=who is temporary) *There are always plenty of temporary workers available during the summer months.* | **temporary accommodation** *Because of*

*damage to their homes, many people had to stay in temporary accommodation for a few months.*

**short-term** /,ʃɔ:t 'tɜ:m/ [adj usually before noun] continuing, or intended to continue, for only a short time: *Quite a lot of our staff are employed on short-term contracts.* | *The development programme was established on a short-term basis, just over a year ago.* | *The Prime Minister emphasized the need to look to the future, rather than only considering the short-term results.* | **short-term memory** (=the ability to remember things that happened recently) *She can still remember things that happened fifty years ago, but her short-term memory is terrible!* — **short term** [n singular] **in the short term** (=in the near future, but perhaps not after that) *In the short term, interest rates are likely to remain the same.*

**provisional** /prə'vɪʒənəl/ [adj] a provisional arrangement is temporary and can be changed or replaced in the future: *The management has made a provisional pay offer of 7%.* | *Following a series of provisional governments, the Dominican people elected Juan Bosch as their President.* | *I've made a booking at the hotel, but it's only provisional – I'll have to confirm it soon.* | **a provisional licence** British (=a driving licence that you have while you are learning to drive) *You have to get a provisional licence until you pass your test.* — **provisionally** [adv] *Two more series of the show are provisionally planned for next year.*

**interim** /'ɪntərɪm/ [adj only before noun] an interim report, measure, arrangement etc is one that is used temporarily until a final or complete one is ready: *Eventually an interim agreement on arms control was reached.* | *The actual sales figures were 20% higher than those estimated in the interim report in July.* | *The government will announce interim measures to tackle fuel shortages.*

**stopgap** /'stɒpgæp||'stɑ:p-/ [n C] something that is done or used for a short time because there is an immediate need for it, but is replaced as soon as possible with something that is better – use this especially to show disapproval: *The first house we bought was only a stopgap, until we could afford something we really liked.* — **stopgap** [adj only before noun] **stopgap measures** *There is a trend towards favoring stopgap measures, instead of seeking long-term solutions to socioeconomic problems.*

### 2 for a limited time only

- ▶ temporarily
- ▶ for now/for the moment
- ▶ for the time being

**temporarily** /'tempərərɪli||tempərərɪli/ [adv] *The library is temporarily closed for repairs.* | *Well, I suppose she can stay here temporarily, while she's looking for an apartment.*

**for now/for the moment** /fər 'naʊ, fər ðə 'məʊmənt/ [adv] from now until a time in the future, especially when you do not know exactly when in the future: *For the moment, I'm quite happy in the job I'm doing.* | *Such popular programmes will go on being broadcast on Channel 3 – for now.* | *'The negotiations are continuing for the moment,' a spokesman said.*

**for the time being** /fər ðə 'taɪm 'bi:ɪŋ/ [adv] for a short period of time from now, but not permanently: *For the time being, Mrs Gilman's classes will be taken by other teachers.* | *Although the government aims to encourage private enterprise, around one third of the economy will remain under state control, for the time being.*



# test

## WHAT'S HERE

- **test/exam** see **1 to 8**
- **test/experiment** see **9 to 12**

## test/exam

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ answer a question see **answer (8-10)**
- ▶ the result of a test or exam see **grade**
- ▶ see also **learn, study, teach, subject, school/university**

## 1 a test of your knowledge or skill

- ▶ test
- ▶ exam
- ▶ quiz
- ▶ oral exam
- ▶ practical
- ▶ finals
- ▶ final/midterm
- ▶ assessment
- ▶ testing

**test** /test/ [n C] a set of spoken or written questions or practical activities, which are intended to find out how much someone knows about a subject or skill: *Several students were caught cheating on the test.* | *The committee is calling for national tests for American schoolchildren.* | **spelling/reading/biology etc test** *I have a chemistry test tomorrow.* | **driving/driver's test** *Did Lauren pass her driving test?* | + **on** *Listen carefully, because there will be a test on this next week.*

**exam** ALSO **examination** formal /ɪg'zæm, ɪg,zæmɪ-'neɪʃən/ [n C] an important test that you do at the end of a course of study or at the end of the school year: *Students are not allowed to talk during the examination.* | *He's upstairs, revising for an exam.* | **in an exam** British /on an exam American *How did you do in your exams?* | **entrance exam** (=an exam you must pass to enter a school or university) *In Japan, entrance exams are very important, and many children go to extra classes to prepare for them.* | **history/French/biology etc exam** *We have a biology exam tomorrow, and I haven't done any work for it yet.* | **final/mid-term exam** American (=exams taken at the end or the middle of a particular class) *Final exams will be just before Christmas.*

**quiz** /kwɪz/ [n C] American a quick test that a teacher gives to a class, usually to check that students are learning the things they should be learning: *We have a history quiz every Monday.* | **pop quiz** (=a quiz that is not expected by the students) *He likes giving pop quizzes, to see if the kids are remembering anything.*

**oral exam** ALSO **oral** British /'ɔ:rəl ɪg,zæm, 'ɔ:rəl/ [n C] an exam in which you answer questions by speaking, instead of writing, for example to test how good you are at speaking a foreign language: *You can either take an oral exam or do a 25 page essay.* | *Nicky got an A in her Spanish oral.*

**practical** /'præktɪkəl/ [n C] British an exam that tests your ability to do or make things, rather than your ability to write about them, for example in subjects such as chemistry or cooking: *We've got our chemistry practical tomorrow morning.*

**finals** /'faɪnlz/ [n plural] British the last exams that you take at the end of a British university course: *During my finals I was revising till 3 o'clock in the morning most days.*

**final/midterm** /'faɪnl, ,mɪd'tɜ:m/ [n C] American the test you take at the end of a particular class, or the test you take in the middle of that class: *This class will require two papers, a midterm, and a final.*

**assessment** /ə'sesmənt/ [n U] especially British a method used to find out how good a student is at a particular subject, for example by giving them written work, tests, or exams: *Assessment is by means of a written exam at the end of the course.* | **continuous assessment** (=assessment throughout a student's course of study, instead of only at the end) *Most schools nowadays prefer to use continuous assessment, because it gives a fairer picture of how the student has done during the whole year.*

**testing** /'testɪŋ/ [n U] the system of using exams and tests to find out how good someone is at a particular subject: *The government plans to introduce compulsory testing in junior schools from the age of 7.* | *I believe that some sort of testing is always necessary in order to motivate students.*

## 2 to do a test or exam

- ▶ take
- ▶ do
- ▶ have
- ▶ sit

**take** /teɪk/ [v T] *Anna will be taking her music exam in the summer.* | *Most young people take the SAT exams in their last year of high school.* | *I took my driving test when I was 18.*

**do** /du:/ [v T] British **do** is more informal than **take**, and is used especially in conversation: *I'd better go home – I've got to do an exam in the morning.* | *The kids are doing a test this morning.*

**have** ALSO **have got** /hæv, həv 'gɒt||-'gɑ:t/ [v T] if you **have** an exam tomorrow, next week etc, you are going to do it then: *We have a quiz every week on what we've been reading.* | *I have a written exam in the morning and an interview in the afternoon.* | *Lucy's got her driving test next week.*

**sit** /sɪt/ [v T] British to do a written school or college exam: *I sat my final exams last year.*

## 3 to do a test or exam again

- ▶ retake/take sth again
- ▶ resit

**retake/take sth again** /,ri:'teɪk, ,teɪk (sth) ə'gen/ [v T/v phrase] to do a test or exam again because you have previously failed it: *She wants to retake her French A-level exam.* | *Ralph retook his driver's test in June.* | *If you fail the test, you can always take it again* — **retake** /'ri:teɪk/ [n C] British *Can you sit a retake?*

**resit** /,ri:'sɪt/ [v T] British to do a written school or college exam again because you have previously failed it: *It only makes sense to resit an exam if you strongly believe you will do better.* — **resit** /'ri:sɪt/ [n C] *Is a resit possible?*

## 4 someone who does an exam

- ▶ candidate

**candidate** /'kændɪdət||-dɜ:t, -dɪt/ [n C] British someone who does an exam: *Candidates should be at their desks 5 minutes before the start of the examination.*



## 5 to give students a test or exam

- ▶ give sb a test
- ▶ test
- ▶ set sb a test/an exam
- ▶ examine

**give sb a test** /,gɪv (sb) ə 'test/ [v phrase] to make someone do a test: *Schools are required to give students national standardized tests.* | + on *The French teacher gave us a test on irregular verbs, and I got 100%.*

**test** /test/ [v T] to ask someone written or spoken questions to find out what they know about a subject: *New students are tested in math and reading, and placed in the appropriate class.* | **test sb on sth** *Tomorrow you'll be tested on the main events of the Civil War.*

**set sb a test/an exam** /,set (sb) ə 'test, ən ɪg'zæm/ [v phrase] British to choose the questions that are in a test or exam: *Next lesson I'm setting you all a test to see how much you've learned.* | *Whoever set the exam didn't seem to know the material very well.*

**examine** /ɪg'zæmɪn/ [v T] formal to ask someone questions in an exam in order to find out what they know about a particular subject: *To save time, students will be examined in groups of three.* | **examine sb on sth** *Students will be examined on all aspects of Russian literature and history.*

## 6 a person who judges a test or exam

- ▶ examiner

**examiner** /ɪg'zæmɪnər/ [n C] British someone who judges exams or tests: *The examiner told him to relax and then asked him to turn on the engine.* | *Students who, in the opinion of the examiners, do not reach the required standard must take the exam again.*

## 7 to pass a test

- ▶ pass
- ▶ qualify
- ▶ graduate
- ▶ scrape through
- ▶ get through
- ▶ sail/breeze through
- ▶ pass/be given a pass

**pass** /pɑ:s||pæs/ [v I/T] to reach a high enough standard to succeed in an examination or test: *'I'm taking my driving test today.'* *'Do you think you'll pass?'* | *New recruits have to pass a physical fitness test.* | **pass with flying colours** British /**colors** American (=pass a test or examination with very high marks) *She was so nervous about her examination results, but in fact she passed with flying colours.*

**qualify** /'kwɒlɪfaɪ||'kwɑ:-/ [v I] especially British to pass all the examinations that you need in order to become a doctor, lawyer, engineer etc: *After qualifying, she joined the NatWest Bank as a corporate advisor.* | + as *She wanted to improve her English so she could qualify as a translator.*

**graduate** /'grædʒuert/ [v I] to pass all your final examinations at university or college, and get a degree. In the US, **graduate** also means to successfully complete your high school education: *What are you going to do after you graduate?* | + from *Mitch graduated from Stanford in 1998 with a degree in biochemistry.* | **graduate in history/French/medicine etc** British *She graduated in modern languages and now works as an interpreter.*

**scrape through** /,skreɪp 'θru:/ [phr v I/T] especially British, informal to only just pass an examination, by

getting only a few marks more than are necessary: *Daniel scraped through the entrance exam.* | *I scraped through my exams with marks just good enough to keep my place in the school of pharmacy.*

**get through** /,get 'θru:/ [phr v I/T] to pass a difficult test or examination: *The entrance exam is very difficult and only a small minority of candidates get through.* | **get sb through sth** *Reading that book at the last minute was the only thing that got me through the history exam.*

**sail/breeze through** /'seɪl, 'bri:z θru:/ [phr v I/T] informal to pass a test or examination very easily: *'How'd his exams go?'* *'He breezed through – no trouble at all.'* | **sail/breeze through sth** *She sailed through her driving test the first time.*

**pass/be given a pass** /pɑ:s, bi: ,gɪvən ə 'pɑ:s||-'pæs/ [v T/v phrase] *My teacher told me she passed me only because she knew I'd had a really hard year.* | *I didn't think the candidate deserved to be given a pass but the other examiners disagreed.*

## 8 to fail a test

- ▶ fail
- ▶ flunk
- ▶ bomb

**fail** /feɪl/ [v I/T] to not reach a high enough standard to succeed in a test or exam: *She failed her history class and has to take it again.* | *'How did Chris do in his driving test?'* *'He failed.'* | *Many of the boys in the program had been failing at school.*

**flunk** /flʌŋk/ [v T] American informal to fail an exam: *He was cutting school and flunking classes.* | *She flunked the state bar exam four times before she finally passed.* | **flunk out** (=fail all your classes, so that you have to leave school) *Brant flunked out of college his first year.*

**bomb** /bɒm||bɑ:m/ [v I/T] American informal to fail a test or exam very badly: *I bombed on the quiz he gave us.* | *'How'd it go?'* *'I bombed on the written section, but I think I did okay on the multiple choice part.'*

## test/experiment

### 9 a test on something to check it or find out about it

- ▶ test
- ▶ experiment
- ▶ trial
- ▶ testing
- ▶ trial run
- ▶ pilot
- ▶ piloting

**test** /test/ [n C] a process that is used for finding out important information about something, for example whether a machine is working properly, whether a substance is safe, or whether someone has an illness: *a ban on nuclear tests* | + to **determine/show/find etc** *Teachers can use the program to create tests to check children's progress.* | *A blood test can be done to determine who the baby's father is.* | **carry out a test/do a test** *Doctors did several tests to find out what was wrong.* | + on *We carry out safety tests on all our products.* | + for (=to find out if something exists) *There is a simple test for diabetes.* | **eye/blood/skin etc test** *A blood test will show if you are a possible bone marrow donor.* | **hearing/sight etc test** *Nine-month-old babies are given hearing tests by health visitors.*

**experiment** /ɪk'sperɪmənt/ [n C] a scientific test to find out how something is affected when you do something to it: *In one experiment, the men were not*



allowed to sleep and then were tested on how well they were able to concentrate. | The elderly people were taught meditation in the 12-week experiment. | **do/carry out/perform an experiment** They are doing experiments to learn more about the affects of alcohol on the brain. | + **on** (=an experiment using something) The Institute plans to conduct no further experiments on monkeys. — **experimental** /ɪkˌsperɪˈmentl/ [adj] an experimental medical treatment — **experimentally** [adv] The FDA has granted researchers permission to use the drug experimentally on humans.

**trial** /ˈtraɪəl/ [n C] a test in which a new product, such as a drug, a weapon, or a vehicle, is used by a small number of people in order to find out if it is safe and effective: Results of the drug trial will be available soon. | + **of** Probert is overseeing the trials of the new explosives. | **clinical trial** (=a trial of a drug or treatment that is done carefully by doctors on humans) Until now, the drug was only available to people taking part in clinical trials.

**testing** /ˈtestɪŋ/ [n U] formal when something such as a process, system, substance etc is being examined, in order to see whether it exists, is safe, or is working properly: The U.S. conducted atomic weapons testing in Nevada during the 1950s. | The aircraft is still in the early stages of testing and production. | **drug/genetic/AIDS etc testing** Athletes will be subject to random drug testing.

**trial run** /ˈtraɪəl rʌn/ [n C] an occasion when you test a new method or system to see if it works well: The national railroad is doing a few trial runs to test new equipment.

**pilot** /ˈpaɪlət/ [n C] a test in which a new idea or plan is used in a limited number of places or situations, in order to see if it is worth continuing or doing in a more general way: The results of the pilot have been encouraging. | **pilot study/project/program etc** The government sponsored a pilot project to find out how the education reforms would work in schools.

**piloting** /ˈpaɪlətɪŋ/ [n U] a process in which a new system or product is tested using different groups of people in order to see how effective and popular it will be: Extensive piloting has shown us our study book will be a useful aid to students.

## 10 to do a test on something in order to check it or find out about it

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| ▶ do a test/<br>experiment | ▶ carry out tests     |
| ▶ test                     | ▶ try out             |
| ▶ run a test               | ▶ put sth to the test |
|                            | ▶ pilot               |

**do a test/an experiment** ALSO **conduct/perform an experiment/a test** formal /ˌduː ə ˈtest, ən ɪkˌsperɪˈmənt, kənˌdʌkt, pərˈfɔːrm ən ɪkˌsperɪˈmənt, ə ˈtest/ [v phrase] He has a blood test done each week to see how effective the medication is. | Children can use the magnet to perform many simple experiments. | The company did not conduct adequate safety tests. | + **on** The space shuttle crew conducted experiments on plants and cells in a special lab.

**test** /test/ [v T] to do a test on something to find out whether it works or to get more information about it: Test your brakes to check they are working correctly. | The devices were tested very carefully and are considered safe. | **test sth on sb/sth** These products have not been tested on animals. | **test sth for sth** (=to find out whether it has a substance in it) The water is being tested for signs of chemical pollution.

**run a test** /ˌrʌn ə ˈtest/ [v phrase] to do a test, especially one that is often used, or one that has been prepared and is ready to be done: Doctors ran tests to determine the cause of his irregular heartbeat. | We think the equipment is working fine, but we still need to run a few more tests.

**carry out tests** /ˌkæəri aʊt ˈtests/ [v phrase] if someone such as a doctor or scientist carries out tests, they do a set of tests in order to find out what is wrong, what needs improving etc: Police scientists are carrying out tests on the murder victim's clothes. | Results of tests carried out at this clinic are always strictly confidential.

**try out** /ˌtraɪ ˈaʊt/ [phr v T] to test an object such as a tool or piece of equipment by using it, or to test a plan or idea by doing it **try sth out** Toy manufacturers use employees' children to try new products out. | **try out sth** He visited the center several times, trying out different computer software packages.

**put sth to the test** /ˌpʊt (sth) tə ðə ˈtest/ [v phrase] to test something, such as an idea, a belief, or a product, to see if it works as well as someone says it does or as you think it will: The system's effectiveness will soon be put to the test. | The soldiers worked out a strategy which was then put to the test in a training exercise.

**pilot** /ˈpaɪlət/ [v T] to test a new system or product using different groups of people in order to see how effective or popular it is: The coursebook was piloted in schools all over Europe.

## 11 to use a person or animal in a test

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| ▶ experiment on | ▶ screen      |
| ▶ test sth on   | ▶ vivisection |

**experiment on** /ɪkˌsperɪˈment ɒn/ [phr v T] to use someone or something in scientific tests in order to find out how they are affected when you do something to them: For some disease research, experimenting on animals is very important. | Some of the government labs had experimented on humans without their consent.

**test sth on** /ˈtest (sth) ɒn/ [phr v T] to do tests in which a group of people or animals use a product, take a drug etc in order to see what their reaction is: This face cream has not been tested on animals. | They've just received permission to begin testing the new drug on humans.

**screen** /skriːn/ [v T] to test a person or a particular group of people to see if they have a particular illness or infection: Because breast cancer is common in older women, we screen all women over 50. | **screen sb/sth for** If you receive blood in the United Kingdom it will already have been screened for HIV. — **screening** [n U] The company has recently introduced free health screening for all its employees.

**vivisection** /ˌvɪvɪˈseksjən/ [n U] the practice of doing tests on live animals, for example in order to increase medical knowledge or to test new products: I'm not against vivisection, but obviously we all want to avoid animals suffering unnecessarily. | Without vivisection many of the recent anti-cancer advances simply would not have been made.

## 12 a person or animal that is used in a test

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| ▶ subject | ▶ guinea pig |
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**subject** /'sʌbdʒɪkt/ [n C] formal a person or animal that is used in a test – use this especially in scientific contexts: *Subjects for this experiment represented a good cross-section of the American population.* | *All subjects were tested for perfect hearing before the experiment began.*

**guinea pig** /'ɡɪni piɡ/ [n C] informal a person or animal who takes part in a test to see how successful or useful a new idea, system, machine etc is, sometimes without being asked: *Would you both mind being the guinea pigs for a new recipe I want to try out?* | *Students are complaining that they are being used as guinea pigs for the new maths syllabus.*

# thank

## 1 what you say when you thank someone

- ▶ **thank you**
- ▶ **thanks**
- ▶ **ta/cheers**
- ▶ **that's very kind of you/good of you**
- ▶ **I appreciate it**
- ▶ **you shouldn't have**
- ▶ **you've saved my life**
- ▶ **I'd like to thank**
- ▶ **many thanks**

**thank you** /'θæŋk ju:/ say this when you want to thank someone politely: *'Would you like to come to dinner with us on Sunday?' 'Thank you, I'd love to.'* | **+ for** *Thank you for a splendid evening. I really enjoyed myself.* | *Thank you for letting me stay.* | **thank you very much** *It's lovely. Thank you very much.*

**thanks** /θæŋks/ spoken use this to thank someone for something they have just done or given you: *'Here's your coffee.' 'Thanks, Mom.'* | **+ for** *Thanks for coming. Hope we see you again next year.* | **thanks to sb** (=used in speeches) *Thanks to everyone for all the cards and flowers. They really cheered me up.* | **thanks a lot/a million** *'Here, let me help you.' 'Thanks a lot. That's great.'*

**ta/cheers** /tɑː, tʃɪərz/ British informal spoken say this when you want to thank someone for something they have just done or given you: *'Here's the book you wanted.' 'Ta.'* | *'I've made you a cup of tea.' 'Cheers.'*

**that's very kind of you/good of you** /ðæt s veri 'kaɪnd əv juː, 'ɡʊd əv juː/ formal spoken say this when someone has generously offered to do something for you: *'Here, you can have my seat.' 'Thank you, that's very kind of you.'* | *'Would you like me to carry your shopping?' 'That's very good of you!'*

**I appreciate it** /aɪ ə'priːʃiət it/ spoken say this when you want to thank someone who has done a lot to help you: *Thanks for helping out on a Sunday – I appreciate it.* | **I really appreciate it** *I couldn't have managed without your support and encouragement. I really appreciate it.*

**you shouldn't have** /juː 'ʃʊdnt əv/ spoken say this when you want to thank someone who has given you something, especially something expensive: *What a beautiful ring! Oh Mike, you shouldn't have!*

**you've saved my life** /juːv ,seɪvd maɪ 'laɪf/ spoken use this to thank someone who has got you out of a difficult situation, or solved a problem for you: *You've saved my life, Jim! Thank goodness you were here.*

**I'd like to thank** /aɪd ,laɪk tə 'θæŋk/ spoken use this to thank someone in a formal speech: *I would*

*like to thank everyone who helped at the school fair.* | **I'd like to thank sb for (doing) sth** *I'd like to thank Betty and Jim for organizing this wonderful party.*

**many thanks** /meni 'θæŋks/ use this to thank someone, especially when writing a letter: *We received the pictures on Wednesday. Many thanks.* | **+ for** *Many thanks for your letter of the other day.*

## 2 to say thank you to someone

- ▶ **thank**
- ▶ **say thank you**
- ▶ **show your appreciation**
- ▶ **express your thanks/gratitude**
- ▶ **acknowledge**
- ▶ **recognize**
- ▶ **in recognition of sth**

**thank** /θæŋk/ [v T] to tell someone that you are pleased and grateful for something they have given you or done for you: *I spent three hours helping her and she didn't even thank me.* | **thank sb for (doing) sth** *We must write and thank Cathy for the present.* | *The Governor publicly thanked the people of Arizona for supporting him during his campaign.* | **thank sb profusely** (=thank someone a lot in a very obvious way) *A relieved Mr Maxwell thanked his lawyer profusely.*

**say thank you** /seɪ 'θæŋk juː/ [v phrase] to thank someone for what they have done: *I wanted to come round and say thank you in person.* | **+ to** *This little gift is our way of saying thank you to everyone who worked so hard.* | **+ for** *Make sure you say thank you for your birthday presents.*

**show your appreciation** /ʃəʊ jɔːr ə'priːʃi'eɪʃən/ [v phrase] formal to show someone that you are grateful for something they have done, by giving them something or by doing something special for them: *He found a special way of showing his appreciation – dinner at the Ritz.* | **+ for** *We have decided to pay a special bonus to everyone on the staff to show our appreciation for their hard work during the year.*

**express your thanks/gratitude** /ɪk'spres jɔːr 'θæŋks, 'grætʃtjuːd-tuːd/ [v phrase] formal to say how grateful you are to someone for something they have done – use this in a speech or in a letter **+ for** *I should like to express my thanks for all that you have done.* | **+ to** *He made a short speech expressing his gratitude to all those who had sent him letters of support.*

**acknowledge** /ək'nɒlɪdʒ-'nɑː-/ [v T] to tell people publicly that someone has done something to help you and that you are grateful for it: *In his speech he acknowledged the help his parents gave him at the start of his career.* | *I did a lot of work on that book. It annoys me that the editor never acknowledged it.* — **acknowledgement** [n U] *She has received no official acknowledgement of her contribution to the fund.*

**recognize** ALSO **recognise** British /'rekəɡnaɪz, 'rekən-/ [v T] if a country or a large organization **recognizes** something important that someone has done for them, they officially and publicly thank them, by giving them something or doing something special for them: *The government recognized his bravery in the battle by awarding him the Military Cross.* | *Her contribution to horticulture was recognized when a new rose was named after her.*

**in recognition of sth** /ɪn ,rekəɡ'nɪʃən əv (sth)/ [prep] if you are given something **in recognition of** something you have done, it is publicly given to you as a way of thanking you: *He was awarded a knighthood in recognition of his work for charity.*



### 3 when you feel that you want to thank someone

- ▶ grateful
- ▶ thankful
- ▶ appreciate
- ▶ appreciative
- ▶ be indebted to
- ▶ owe
- ▶ gratitude
- ▶ appreciation

**grateful** /'ɡreɪtʃəl/ [adj] feeling that you want to thank someone, especially because they have done something for you and helped you a lot: *Dr Shah has received hundreds of letters from grateful patients.* | + **for** *I'm really grateful for everything you've done for me.* | + **to** *My daughter was rescued safely, and I am very grateful to the firemen.* — **gratefully** [adv] *We gratefully accepted her offer.*

**thankful** /'θæŋkʃəl/ [adj not before noun] grateful that someone has done something, because if they had not done it the situation would have been much worse: *Take what they give you, and be thankful.* | + **for** *I am always thankful for their enthusiasm and commitment.* | + **that** *She was thankful that Louise had insisted she travel first class.*

**appreciate** /ə'pri:ʃiət/ [v T not in progressive] to be grateful to someone for something that they have done for you, because you realize that they did not have to do it or that they made a big effort to do it for you: *We really appreciate everything you've done for our daughter.* | *Alan asked me to tell you how much he appreciated your hospitality when he was in London.*

**appreciative** /ə'pri:ʃətɪv/ [adj] showing that you are pleased and grateful for someone's help or kindness: *He wrote a warm, appreciative letter, thanking her for everything she had done.* | *They weren't particularly appreciative the last time I helped them. I don't think I'll bother again.* | + **of** *Our new boss is a real joy to work for. She's so appreciative of anything you do for her.*

**be indebted to** /bi: m'detɪd tu:/ [v phrase] formal to feel very grateful to someone for something they have given you or done for you: *We are indebted to the National Archives for permission to print these photographs.* | **be greatly/deeply indebted to sb** *She said that she was greatly indebted to everyone who had supported her campaign.*

**owe** /əʊ/ [v T] if you say you **owe** someone something, you are grateful because they have helped you to succeed at something or to improve your life, and without their help this might not have been possible **owe a lot/a great deal to sb** *I owe a great deal to my publishers, who helped me to finish writing the book.* | **owe it all/everything to sb** *I owe it all to you. You were the only one who believed in me.* | **owe sb a lot/a great deal** *'I owe my parents a lot,' he admitted. 'They worked real hard to put me through college.'* | **owe a debt of gratitude to sb** *We all owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs Stevenson, who kindly donated the money for the project.*

**gratitude** /'ɡrætɪtju:d-tu:d/ [n U] when you feel grateful, especially because someone has been kind to you **express/show gratitude (for sth)** *He wrote again, expressing gratitude for the help he had received.* | **a sense of gratitude** *She felt a deep sense of gratitude to the teacher who had encouraged her to go on to university.* | **in gratitude** (=because you are grateful) *'I'll take the van back, shall I?' he asked, and Elise nodded in gratitude.*

**appreciation** /ə'pri:ʃi'eɪʃən/ [n U] a feeling that you want to thank someone for their help or service and to show them that you think it was important and valuable **show your appreciation** *To show his*

*appreciation of her kindness he sent her some flowers.* | **in appreciation of sth** (=in order to show appreciation of) *In appreciation of Mr Mainwaring's years of service, the company presented him with a gold watch.* | **token of sb's appreciation** (=a sign of someone's appreciation) *We'd like you to accept this gift as a small token of our appreciation.*

### 4 something that you say or do to thank someone

- ▶ thanks
- ▶ thank-you letter/note
- ▶ acknowledgements

**thanks** /θæŋks/ [n plural] what you say or do to thank someone: *He won't get any thanks from them for being so honest.* | + **for** *Please accept this bottle of champagne as our thanks for organizing the seminar.* | **letter/message etc of thanks** (=expressing thanks) *He wrote me a short letter of thanks.* | **without a word of thanks** (=without saying thank you) *She got up and left without a word of thanks.* | **a vote of thanks** (=a formal, public expression of thanks, especially at a meeting) *I'd like to propose a vote of thanks to Sandra for organizing the whole evening.*

**thank-you letter/note** /'θæŋk ju: ,letər, ,nəʊt/ [n C] a letter that you send to someone to thank them, for example when they have given you a present or when you have stayed at their house: *We spent three days after the wedding writing thank-you letters for all the presents we'd had.*

**acknowledgements** /ək'nɒlɪdʒmənts- 'nɑ:-/ [n plural] a note at the end or beginning of a book, article etc, in which the writer thanks all the people who helped him or her to produce it: *In the acknowledgements the authors thanked everyone who'd contributed to the book.* | *Her book was based on her ex-husband's letters and yet his name did not even appear in the acknowledgements.*

### 5 what you say to someone when they thank you

- ▶ don't mention it
- ▶ that's all right/that's OK
- ▶ you're welcome
- ▶ my pleasure/not at all
- ▶ think nothing of it/it was nothing
- ▶ no problem
- ▶ sure

**don't mention it** /,dəʊnt 'menʃən ɪt/ spoken *'Thanks for the lift!' 'Oh, don't mention it!'*

**that's all right/that's OK** /ðætɪz ɔ:l 'raɪt, ðætɪz əʊ'keɪ/ informal spoken *'Thank you so much for looking after the children.' 'That's all right. I enjoyed having them.'*

**you're welcome** /jʊ: 'welkəm/ especially American, spoken *'Thanks a lot.' 'You're welcome!'*

**my pleasure/not at all** /,maɪ 'pleʒər, ,nɒt ət 'ɔ:l/ formal spoken *'It was very good of you to sing for us at such short notice.' 'My pleasure!'* | *'Thanks for dinner' 'Not at all – I enjoyed it.'*

**think nothing of it/it was nothing** /θɪŋk ,nʌθɪŋ 'ɒv ɪt, ɪt wəz 'nʌθɪŋ/ spoken say this when someone has thanked you a lot for something you have done because they think it was very difficult for you to do: *'You shouldn't have gone to so much trouble, you know!' 'Oh, think nothing of it.'* | *'Thank you for all your help. I couldn't have done it without you.' 'Don't mention it. It was nothing.'*



**no problem** /ˌnəʊ 'prɒbləm||-'prɔ:b-/ informal spoken say this to show that what someone has thanked you for was really a very easy thing for you to do: *'Thank you for coming all the way out here.'* *'No problem, lady.'*

**sure** /ʃʊə/ American spoken used as a reply to someone who has thanked you for something: *'Thanks for the ride.'* *'Sure, no problem.'*

## 6 when someone does not thank you

- ▶ **ungrateful**
- ▶ **ingratitude**
- ▶ **take sb for granted**

**ungrateful** /ʌn'ɡreɪtʃəl/ [adj] someone who is **ungrateful** does not thank you when you do something for them, and this makes you annoyed or upset: *Our children are so ungrateful – they don't realize how much we do for them.* | *I am not prepared to go to jail for that ungrateful woman!*

**ingratitude** /ɪn'ɡrætɪtju:d||-tu:d/ [n U] a lack of any feeling of being grateful when someone has given you something or does something for you: *Such ingratitude! After all I've done for him, he treats me like dirt.* | *They were shocked by her ingratitude – she didn't seem to appreciate the trouble they had gone to.*

**take sb for granted** /ˌteɪk (sb) fər 'ɡrɑ:ntɪd||-'græn-/ [v phrase] to expect someone to help you or do things for you because they always have done, and never thank them or show them that you are grateful: *Like many married couples, we had started to take each other for granted.* | *Kids usually take their mother for granted.*

# then

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **after, time, past, future**

## 1 ways of saying that one thing happens after another

- ▶ **then**
- ▶ **next**
- ▶ **after that**

**then** /ðen/ [adv] We scraped all the old paint off the bike and then repainted it bright red. | Fry the onions gently, and then add the meat and cook for a few minutes. | First you need to collect all the information and make detailed notes. Then you can start to actually write your essay.

**next** /nekst/ [adv] immediately after something – use this especially when the order in which things happen is important: *Everyone started fighting and someone threw a bottle. I forget what happened next.* | *Which of the candidates shall we interview next?* | *First you need to select the text you want to move. Next, click on the 'Move' command at the top of the screen.*

**after that** /ˌɑ:ftər 'ðæt||æf-/ [adv] after something happens: *England had a man sent off in the first half, and after that the England team never really looked as though they could win the game.* | *The exhaust pipe fell off the car just as we were leaving, and after that it was just one disaster after another!*

## 2 at a particular time in the past

- ▶ **then**
- ▶ **at that/the time**
- ▶ **in those days/back then**
- ▶ **at that point**
- ▶ **at that moment**
- ▶ **at that stage**

**then** /ðen/ [adv] She thought back over her early married life; everything had been so different then. | They were living in the country then, on a farm. | These days it's OK for women to smoke in public, but then it was unheard of. | **then and only then** (=not until that time) Bob sat down and read the letter again slowly. Then and only then did it begin to sink in that Stella was really dead. | **just then** (=at that exact moment) I sat down at my desk and got out a pile of reports to read. Just then, the phone rang.

**at that/the time** /ət ðæt, ðə 'taɪm/ [adv] at a particular period of time in the past – use this especially when you are talking about what the situation was then as compared to the present time: *At that time, he was married to a woman called Jody.* | *I was offered a job in New York, but at the time I didn't want to move so far away from my family.* | *The accepted view at that time was that women should remain in the home and not go out to work.* | *I can't remember exactly what he said, but I do remember thinking it was very funny at the time.*

**in those days/back then** /ɪn 'ðəʊz, deɪz, 'bæk 'ðen/ [adv] at that time in the past – use this especially when you are comparing life in the past with life in the present: *We used to get paid £2 a week. That was a lot of money in those days.* | *In those days there was no proper road, just an old stony track through the woods.* | *Back then, most people left school at fourteen and started work.* | *I remember thinking, back then, that I would never get married.*

**at that point** /ət ðæt 'pɔɪnt/ [adv] at that exact time during a past event or situation: *Miles got up to make his speech, and at that point several of the guests quietly slipped out of the room.* | *I thought he was dead. At that point, everything seemed hopeless.*

**at that moment** /ət ðæt 'məʊmənt/ [adv] at the exact time when something happened or when someone did something – use this when describing past events or telling stories: *At that moment there was a knock on the door.* | *Fortunately, Jorge appeared at that moment and was able to help us load things into the van.* | **just at that moment** (=at that exact moment) *Just at that moment, the police arrived.*

**at that stage** /ət ðæt 'steɪdʒ/ [adv] during a particular period of time in the past, although things were going to change or develop later: *At that stage I lacked the experience to apply for a management post.* | *At that stage in the inquiry, the police still hoped that Maria might be alive.*

## 3 at a particular time in the future

- ▶ **then**
- ▶ **at that point**
- ▶ **at that stage**
- ▶ **by that time**

**then** /ðen/ [adv] Wait until you've had your dinner, then you can go out to play. | **by then** Just wait until July – all the exams will be over by then. | **until then** We're not getting a new car until June, so this one will have to do us until then. | We'll probably see you again when we get to Budapest – until then goodbye and good luck! | **then and only then** (=not until then) Both sides must forget about the past. Then and only then can there be peace.



**at that point** /ət ˈðæt ˈpɔɪnt/ [adv] at the exact moment during an event or process when something will happen: *At 7:45 the lights will go out in the hall, and at that point all the actors will move into their positions on the stage.*

**at that stage** /ət ˈðæt ˈsteɪdʒ/ [adv] at that particular time during a series of events: *The exams will be finished by the end of June. At that stage you can make a decision about which subjects to study next year.*

**by that time** /baɪ ˈðæt ˈtaɪm/ [adv] before a particular time actually arrives: *I have to go at 6 pm, but by that time we should have got through most of the work.* | **by which time** *The Connells go to Africa in April, by which time they hope to have sold their house.*

## there/not there

### RELATED WORDS

- opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ here
- ▶ get there see **arrive** (1)
  - ▶ there is/there are see **exist, happen**

### 1 a place that you are not in now

- ▶ there
- ▶ over there
- ▶ that place
- ▶ around/near there

**there** /ðeə/ [adv] *I love Italy – I worked there for a year.* | *Jackie's arriving at the station at 3.15 and I said I'd meet her there.* | *When I came home Sean was just sitting there waiting for me.* | *We drove down to Baltimore, and on the way there we stopped for lunch.* | **right there** (=exactly there) *Where's my umbrella? I'm sure I left it right there, next to my bag.* | **from there** *We flew in to Munich and from there we took the train to Prague.* | **down/up/in etc there** *How did you get up there on the roof?*

**over there** /əʊvə/ ˈðeə/ [adv] in a place that you can see or point to but cannot touch: *My car's over there by that big tree.* | *See those rocks over there? Be careful to keep the boat away from them.*

**that place** /ðæt ˈpleɪs/ [n phrase] a place that you have mentioned or been in, especially a place that you feel strongly about: *You went to Camp Chippewa too? I hated that place.* | **in that place** *They'll never let us back in that place after the way you behaved.* | **to that place** *Do you remember we went down to that place along the river and had a barbecue?*

**around/near there** ALSO **round there** British /əˈraʊnd, ˈniə/ ˈðeə/ [adv] in the area near a place you have been talking about: *We usually go to Lake Como for our holidays – it's beautiful round there.* | *Judy's looking for an apartment in Greenwich Village. A lot of her friends live around there.* | *One of the largest tornadoes ever seen was photographed near there.*

### 2 to be in a place where you are not now

- ▶ be there
- ▶ be around
- ▶ be in
- ▶ be present

**be there** /biː ˈðeə/ [v phrase] *'Have you seen the newspaper?' 'It's there, next to your chair.'* | *I want to be there when he comes out of surgery.* | *When I worked at the factory, I was there every day from nine till six.* | **be down/up/in etc there** *The bathroom's up there, on your right.*

**be around** /biː əˈraʊnd/ [v phrase] if someone or something is around, you know that they are there but you are not sure exactly where: *I tried to call you last night, but I guess you weren't around.* | *Go and look downstairs. There must be a coffee machine around somewhere.* | *It doesn't matter if no one is around – I'm still not going through a red light.*

**be in** /biː ˈɪn/ [v phrase] to be in your home, the place where you work etc, especially when you are expected to be: *Is Marsha in? I have a letter for her.* | *I'll phone back later when Mr Boswell is in.* | *I walked over to Sonia's house but when I got there only her brother was in.*

**be present** /biː ˈprezənt/ [v phrase] formal if a substance is present somewhere, it is there even though you cannot see it: *When acid is present, the chemical in the test tube turns red.* | **+ in** *The virus is present in tears and saliva, but in very small amounts.* | *Tests revealed that large quantities of alcohol were present in the driver's blood.*

### 3 to be at an event where you are not now

- ▶ be there
- ▶ be at
- ▶ be present
- ▶ be on the scene
- ▶ be on the spot
- ▶ be in attendance

**be there** /biː ˈðeə/ [v phrase] *What was the game like? Were there many people there?* | *I went to a party last night and your sister was there too.* | *A lot of the people at the charity event were only there to look at other people.*

**be at** /biː æt/ [v phrase] if someone is at a particular event, they are there in order to see or hear it: *Most of the actors in the movie were at the New York preview.* | *I don't remember Uncle Bob. I don't think he was at the funeral.* | *Were you at the meeting when they announced the layoffs?*

**be present** /biː ˈprezənt/ [v phrase] formal if someone is present at a special or official event, they are there, especially because it is important that they should see what is happening: *The only people who were present for the ceremony were the bride and groom, the priest, and two witnesses.* | **+ at/for** *It was very important to Jim to be present for the birth of his first child.* | **those present** (=the people there) *Those present at the trial said that the accused looked cheerful.*

**be on the scene** /biː ɒn ðə ˈsiːn/ [v phrase] to be in the place where something such as an accident or crime has happened: *Journalists were on the scene within minutes of the plane crash.* | *A Safety Board team was on the scene Monday morning to try to determine the cause of the accident.*

**be on the spot** /biː ɒn ðə ˈspɒt/ [v phrase] especially British to be in the place where something very interesting or exciting happens: *I'm going to the stadium. I want to be on the spot when they announce the international team.* | *Many reporters, in an attempt to be on the spot in war time, have ended up being killed.*

**be in attendance** /biː ɪn əˈtendəns/ [v phrase] formal to be at a special or important event, especially in order to take part in it: *Over 2000 police were in attendance at yesterday's demonstration.* | *The First Lady was in attendance for most of the conference sessions.* | *He always enjoyed going to Stewart's parties where famous people were sure to be in attendance.*



## 4 the number of people who are at an event

- ▶ attendance
- ▶ turnout
- ▶ bums on seats

**attendance** /ə'tendəns/ [n singular/U] the number of people who attend an event such as a game, a concert, or an important meeting: *The game had an attendance of over 50,000 people.* | + **at** *Attendance at the national championships is already higher than expected.* | **good/high attendance** *We had pretty good attendance despite the bad weather.* | **poor/low attendance** *Considering the seriousness of the matter to be debated there was an unusually low attendance at the meeting.*

**turnout** /'tʃ:naʊt/ [n singular/U] the number of people who have decided to go to or take part in an event + **for** *We had a much better turnout for the company picnic this year than last.* | **low/light/small turnout** *Turnout for the game was lighter than expected.* | **high/heavy/large turnout** *There was an unusually high turnout in the election, nearly twice the number predicted.*

**bums on seats** /,bʌmz ɒn 'si:ts/ [n phrase] the number of people at an event, concert, play etc – use this especially when you think the people who organized the event are only interested in getting a lot of people there and do not really care about whether the event is good or not: *Inviting a soap star or two to your opening night is always a good way of getting bums on seats.*

## 5 to not be there

- ▶ not be there
- ▶ not be around
- ▶ be out/not be in
- ▶ be away/off
- ▶ absent
- ▶ missing

**not be there** /nɒt bi: 'ðeə/ [v phrase] *She says the bottle is in the cupboard, but it just isn't there.* | *He was supposed to wait for me by the fountain, but he wasn't there when I arrived.*

**not be around** /nɒt bi: ə'raʊnd/ [phr v l] if someone or something is **not around**, they are not there, especially when you expect them to be somewhere nearby: *Maybe you should try talking to Michael when his wife isn't around.* | *According to Caroline, Larry isn't around much since he started traveling for work.*

**be out/not be in** /bi: 'aʊt, nɒt bi: 'ɪn/ [phr v l] to be out of your home, the place where you work etc usually for a short time: *He wasn't in, so I left a message.* | *She told me not to stop by today – she'll be out most of the day running errands.*

**be away/off** /bi: ə'weɪ, 'ɒf/ [phr v l] informal to not be at work, for example, because you are ill or on holiday. In British English you can also use this when someone is not at school: *After I've been away for a few days, there's always so much work waiting when I get back.* | *Selina's off today? Then can you ask her to phone me when she's back in the office?* | **be off work/school** *He's been off work ever since he hurt his back in a riding accident.*

**absent** /'æbsənt/ [adj] formal if something is **absent**, it is not where it is expected to be. If someone is **absent** from school, work etc, they are not there, for example because they are ill: *The virus develops most quickly when antibodies are absent.* | *If you're absent more than five times, you fail the course.* | *While the boss was absent everyone started taking very long lunchbreaks.* | + **from** *For some reason,*

*Young's name was absent from the list.* | *The Adkinson children were absent from school about a dozen times last fall.*

**missing** /'mɪsɪŋ/ [adj] someone or something that is **missing** is not there, especially when you expect them to be there: *Some of the puzzle pieces are missing.* | *Can you spot the missing number in this series?* | *Suddenly he looked around and realized one of the children was missing.* | + **from** *Three buttons were missing from his shirt.*

## thick

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **thin**

- ▶ thick liquid *see* **liquid**
- ▶ *see also* **wide, narrow, big, fat**

## 1 thick

- ▶ thick
- ▶ chunky
- ▶ fat
- ▶ heavy

**thick** /θɪk/ [adj] if something such as a wall, a book, or a piece of glass is **thick**, there is a large distance between its two flat surfaces: *It's an old house with very thick stone walls.* | *The ground was covered in a thick layer of snow.* | *a thick slice of bread* | *shoes with thick rubber soles* | *Thicker curtains will give you more privacy.* — **thickness** [n U] + **of** *The thickness of the old walls helped keep the rooms warm in winter and cool in summer.*

**chunky** /'tʃʌŋki/ [adj] especially British thick, solid, and heavy: *She wore a lot of chunky silver jewellery.* | *a sweater with chunky buttons* | *The books were small, chunky, and bright, specially designed for babies.*

**fat** /fæt/ [adj] a fat book, envelope, wallet etc is a book, envelope etc that is thick because there is a lot in it – use this especially as a humorous way of describing something that looks very thick: *He pulled out a fat wallet stuffed with banknotes.* | *A tall man was smoking a fat cigar.* | *a big fat book* | *The children's fat Christmas stockings bulged with surprises.*

**heavy** /'hevi/ [adj] heavy cloth or clothes are thick and usually warm: *He wore a heavy jacket and a wool ski hat.* | *The curtains were made of a heavy dark fabric which kept out all draughts and light.*

## 2 ways of talking about how thick something is

- ▶ how thick
- ▶ 2 cm/1 m etc thick
- ▶ thickness

**how thick** /haʊ 'θɪk/ [adj phrase] *The price of the glass will depend on how thick it is.* | *How thick is the ice on the lake now?* | *Check to see how thick the insulation is in your attic, and add more if necessary.*

**2 cm/1 m etc thick** /,tu: ,sentɪmi:təʳz θɪk/ [adj phrase] use this to say exactly how thick something is: *Cut the carrots into slices about half an inch thick.* | *In some places, the walls are over two metres thick.* | *Betts said the file on Mr Sorney was 10 inches thick.*

**thickness** /'θɪknɪs/ [n C/U] the distance between the opposite surfaces of a solid object or material: *It's about the same thickness as a £1 coin.* | *The cheese slicer can be adjusted to cut slices of different thicknesses.*



# thin

## WHAT'S HERE

- **thin person** see **1 to 7**
- **thin object or material** see **8 to 11**

## thin person

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **fat**

### 1 thin

- ▶ **thin**
- ▶ **slight**

**thin** /θɪn/ [adj] having very little fat on the body: *Larry was tall and thin with dark brown hair and bright blue eyes. | She looked pale, thin, and unhealthy. | I wish my legs were thinner.*

**slight** /slaɪt/ [adj] thin, delicate, often weak-looking, and usually not very tall: *Yoshida is a slight, quiet man with a grey beard. | a small, slight child with delicate-looking features*

### 2 thin in an attractive way

- ▶ **slim**
- ▶ **willowy**
- ▶ **slender**

**slim** /slɪm/ [adj] *She was tall, slim, blond, and really good-looking. | Mrs Ester was in her late thirties, about average height, with a slim figure. | You're looking slimmer – have you lost weight? | stay slim She looks great – how does she stay so slim?*

**slender** /ˈslendər/ [adj] thin in an attractive and graceful way: *Gabriel was a tall slender young man with a light brown moustache. | Mandy was slender and very fair with long golden hair. | She had long, slender expressive hands, like a concert pianist.*

**willowy** /ˈwɪləʊi/ [adj] a woman or girl who is **willowy** is attractively tall and thin in a graceful way – used especially in romantic novels: *In contrast to Francesca, who was tall and willowy, Diana was small and curvy. | Anastasia was willowy and graceful, with grey eyes and long, straight red hair.*

### 3 thin and strong-looking

- ▶ **lean**
- ▶ **wiry**

**lean** /li:n/ [adj] thin and physically fit, especially because you do a lot of exercise or physical work: *He's a very handsome man: tall, lean and tanned with thick blond hair. | At seventy-two my grandfather was lean and strong and I expected him to live forever. | She had a runner's lean physique and an overall healthy glow.*

**wiry** /ˈwaɪəri/ [adj] a man or boy who is **wiry** is thin and strong, though often not very tall: *Father Vic was a wiry man in his late forties with a sharp nose and deep-set eyes. | a wiry little Broadway show dancer from Puerto Rico*

### 4 thin in a way that is not attractive

- ▶ **skinny**
- ▶ **scrawny**
- ▶ **bony**

**skinny** /ˈskɪni/ [adj] *a skinny kid with glasses | I was really skinny when I was a teenager. | Jacob placed his arm around her skinny shoulders.*

**bony** /ˈbəʊni/ [adj] a person or animal that is **bony** is extremely thin, so that the shape of their bones can be seen: *Now that she was older, Jean's bony fingers and wrists were too small for her jewelry. | When I picked up the cat it felt as bony as a skeleton. | Kinsit, a naturally small woman with a thin, bony face, found gaining weight difficult.*

**scrawny** /ˈskrɔːni/ [adj] small, thin, unattractive, and weak-looking, especially because your body has not grown enough: *Last time I saw him he was a scrawny kid in Levi's and a dirty T-shirt. | A few scrawny chickens were searching for scraps of food in the dry earth.*

### 5 too thin in a way that is unhealthy

- ▶ **emaciated**
- ▶ **underweight**
- ▶ **be skin and bone**

**emaciated** /ɪˈmeɪʃɪeɪtɪd/ [adj] someone who is **emaciated** is extremely thin because of hunger or serious illness and may die soon: *News came of the famine, and there were pictures of emaciated children on the TV. | Towards the end of his life he looked emaciated, his cheeks hollow and his eyes sunken.*

**be skin and bone** /biː ˈskɪn ən ˈbəʊn/ [v phrase] informal to be extremely thin in an unattractive and unhealthy way **be nothing but/no more than skin and bone** *When she died she was nothing but skin and bone. | be just/practically skin and bone The poor dog was practically skin and bone.*

**underweight** /ˌʌndərˈweɪt/ [adj] someone who is **underweight** weighs less than they should and is therefore unhealthy – used especially in a medical context: *The doctor says that I'm underweight and has put me on a special diet. | Women who consume large amounts of caffeine are more likely to give birth to underweight babies.*

### 6 having a thin face because you are very worried, tired etc

- ▶ **drawn**
- ▶ **gaunt**

**drawn** /drɔːn/ [adj] thin and unhappy-looking because of tiredness, illness, or worry: *Her face was pale and drawn, and she seemed to have been crying. | When Jack arrived he sat down slowly, his face drawn, with beads of sweat on his forehead. | look drawn (=have a drawn expression on your face) The doctor came out, looking drawn and exhausted.*

**gaunt** /ɡɔːnt/ [adj] extremely thin and pale, especially because you have been very ill or worried or because you have been working too hard: *When I visited him in hospital Albert looked terrible – his face was gaunt and his hair had turned grey. | The District Attorney at forty-four had the gaunt look of a man twenty years older.*

### 7 to become thinner

- ▶ **lose weight**
- ▶ **shed**
- ▶ **be on a diet**
- ▶ **waste away**
- ▶ **slim down**

**lose weight** /ˌluːz ˈweɪt/ [v phrase] to become thinner, either because you have been ill or because you



want to look more attractive, be healthier etc: *The best way to lose weight is to eat less and do lots of exercise.* | *I'm really worried about my grandmother – she's lost a lot of weight recently.* | **lose three kilos/five pounds etc** Alec lost seven pounds in a week and had to be re-admitted to the hospital.

**be on a diet** /bi: ɒn ə 'daɪət/ [v phrase] to eat less food than usual, or to eat only certain foods, because you want to become thinner and weigh less: 'Would you like some chocolate?' 'No thanks, I'm on a diet.' | **go on a diet** (=start to be on a diet) *We're both going on a diet after Christmas.*

**slim down** /slɪm 'daʊn/ [v l] especially British to become thinner, especially by eating less and doing more exercise: *She's really slimmed down a lot since I last saw her.* | **slim down to eight stone/100 pounds etc** He's trying to slim down to eleven stone.

**shed** /ʃed/ [v T] to lose a particular amount of weight quickly: *I'd like to shed a few pounds.* | *Stone's doctor ordered him to shed some weight and quit smoking.* | *Gascoigne has shed nearly 6 kilos in pre-season training and looks much fitter.*

**waste away** /weɪst ə'weɪ/ [phr v l] to become dangerously thin and weak, usually as a result of illness: *There was nothing we could do – she just wasted away and within six weeks she was dead.* | *His muscles were slowly wasting away because of his illness.*

## thin object or material

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: **thick**

▶ see also **narrow**

## 8 flat and thin

- ▶ **thin**
- ▶ **slim**
- ▶ **paper-thin**

**thin** /θɪn/ [adj] *a thin slice of bread* | *In her pocket was a thin leather wallet containing six ten dollar bills.* | *The lake was covered with a thin layer of ice.* | *How do you get your sugar cookies so thin, Dagmar?*

**paper-thin** /ˌpeɪpər 'θɪn/ [adj] extremely thin – use this about thin pieces of food or about walls that are very thin: *paper-thin slices of raw beef* | *The walls in this apartment are paper-thin; I can hear everything they're saying next door.*

**slim** /slɪm/ [adj] a book, box etc that is **slim** is thin in an attractive way and usually of good quality: *Claude gave me a slim gold box for holding my business cards.* | *a slim volume of poetry*

## 9 long and thin

- ▶ **thin**
- ▶ **slender**

**thin** /θɪn/ [adj] *The roof is supported by thin iron columns.* | *a thin blue line* | *a wire as thin as a human hair*

**slender** /'slendər/ [adj] a stem, stick etc that is **slender** is long and thin in a graceful, attractive way: *The pictures are held in place by three slender brass rods.* | *slender white candles* | *A spider was hanging from a slender thread.*

## 10 words for describing thin material

- ▶ **thin**
- ▶ **fine**
- ▶ **light/lightweight**
- ▶ **flimsy**

**thin** /θɪn/ [adj] *Martin wore a thin cotton shirt under his sweater.* | *It was a chilly night, and he had only a thin blanket for warmth.*

**fine** /faɪn/ [adj] very thin, delicate, and usually of good quality: *fine china* | *a fine chiffon veil with embroidered edges*

**light/lightweight** /laɪt, 'laɪtwɛɪt/ [adj] clothes that are **light** or **lightweight** are thin and not very warm: *She took a light sweater, in case it was cool outside.* | *In a warm climate people wear loose, lightweight clothing.* | *I don't think it'll be that cold – do you have anything more lightweight?*

**flimsy** /'flɪmzi/ [adj] too thin and light, use this about clothes or material that you can easily see through or that do not protect your body: *It was impossible for me to sleep under a single flimsy blanket on such a cold night.* | *flimsy underwear*

## 11 to become thinner

- ▶ **get/grow thinner**
- ▶ **taper**

**get/grow thinner** /ˌget, ˌgrəʊ 'θɪnər/ [v phrase] *Rubber gets thinner if you stretch it.* | *The line of smoke grew thinner and thinner as it drifted up into the sky.*

**taper** /'teɪpər/ [v l] if something long and thin **tapers**, it gets gradually thinner at one end + **to** *The walls are 7 feet thick at the base and taper to 28 inches at the top.* | **taper off** (=taper and come to an end) *The human spine tapers off at its base.* — **tapering** [adj] *long tapering fingers*

## thing

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **tool, equipment**

## 1 a thing

- ▶ **thing**
- ▶ **something**
- ▶ **object**
- ▶ **item**
- ▶ **article**
- ▶ **artefact/artifact**

**thing** /θɪŋ/ [n C] use this instead of the name of something when you do not need to say its name or when you do not know what it is called. You can use **thing** when you mean a physical object, or something such as an event, an idea, or something that someone says: *What's that thing on the kitchen table?* | *There were several things that I wanted to discuss.* | *I cried during the whole thing.* | *The first thing we need to do is call Becky.* | **adjective + thing** *We went to the aquarium, and they have this neat new thing where the tide goes in and out over a rock pool.*

**something** /'sʌmθɪŋ/ [pron] a thing – use this especially when you do not know what the thing is, or you have not decided yet what it will be: *I need to get something for Greg – it's his birthday tomorrow.* | *There's something on your shirt, on the back.* | *Something went wrong with the pumping system in the pool.* | **something + adjective** *Do you want to hear something really funny?* | *He wanted to get her something special, something expensive.* | **something else** (=another thing) *I've just remembered some-*



thing else I wanted to tell you. | **something to eat/wear/read etc** I need to have something to eat before we go out. | **or something** (=or something similar) There's a stone or a nail or something stuck in my shoe.

**object** /'ɒbdʒɪkt/ [n C] a separate solid thing, especially one that you can touch or hold in your hand: Children should be able to point to each object as they count it. | The sculpture is made from objects he found on beaches in Mexico. | **inanimate object** (=a thing that is not alive) After his stroke, he was able to name inanimate objects like saws and shovels, but unable to name most living things.

**item** /'aɪtəm/ [n C] one particular thing, especially one that is being bought or sold: The line at the checkout was for people with eight items or fewer. | A comfortable, adjustable chair is the single most important item for the health of a computer user. | The museum has over 5,000 items of historical interest. | **item of clothing/furniture/jewellery etc** (=a single piece of clothing, furniture, jewellery etc) The main item of jewellery worn by men, other than a watch, is cuff links. | **household item** American (=an object used in the house) Bring any old household items for the sale. | **luxury item** (=an expensive item that is not really necessary) Many of the things that people in the West take for granted are considered to be luxury items here. | **collector's item** (=a rare item that some people would pay a lot of money to have) My aunt discovered that her old doll was a collector's item and worth a lot of money.

**article** /'ɑːrtɪkəl/ [n C] formal a thing, especially one of a group of things: Each article has a written history printed on a card below the display. | **article of clothing/furniture/jewellery etc** (=a single piece of clothing, furniture, jewellery etc) She didn't take much with her, just a few articles of clothing and a towel. | **household article** British (=an object used in the house) Most of our wedding presents were household articles.

**artefact/artifact** /'ɑːrtɪfækt/ [n C] an object that someone has made, such as a tool or piece of jewellery, especially one that is interesting because it is very old, comes from a different country etc: Many Bronze Age artefacts were discovered at Luddesdown. | Do not buy any artefacts unless they have an export permit.

## 2 several things of different types

- ▶ things
- ▶ stuff
- ▶ junk
- ▶ odds and ends
- ▶ bits and pieces
- ▶ paraphernalia

**things** /θɪŋz/ [n plural] use this when you are talking about two or more things of different types and you do not need to say what they are: I threw a few things into a bag and ran to the car. | **sb's things** spoken (=the things that someone owns or that they are carrying with them) She's coming back later to get her things. | **all sorts/kinds of things** (=a lot of different types of things) They sell furniture, toys, cards – all sorts of things.

**stuff** /stʌf/ [n U] informal spoken objects or possessions of different types: I don't know how we're going to get all this stuff into the car. | **sb's stuff** You're not going to have a lot of time to pack up your stuff before you move.

**junk** /dʒʌŋk/ [n U] spoken things that are not useful and should be thrown away, for example because they are old or broken: I must clean out this cupboard – it's absolutely full of junk. | They have so much junk in their yard. It makes the neighborhood look awful.

**odds and ends** /,ɒdz ənd 'endz/, ɑːdz-/ [n phrase] several different things, especially small things that are not of much value: In the drawer she found a photograph, an old hairbrush, and various other odds and ends. | Odds and ends that haven't sold have been drastically reduced in price.

**bits and pieces** ALSO **bits and bobs** British /,bɪts ən 'piːsɪz, ,bɪts ən 'bɒbz/-'bɑːbz/ [n phrase] informal a number of small objects that are all different from each other: There are all sorts of bits and pieces in this box. | Do any of these bits and bobs belong to you?

**paraphernalia** /,pærəfə'rneɪliə/ [n U] a large number of different things which you need for a particular activity – you can often use this humorously: The car is packed solid with all our camping paraphernalia. | She was charged with possessing drug paraphernalia.

## 3 what you say when you do not know the name of something or cannot remember it

- ▶ what's its name/whatchamacallit
- ▶ thingy/thingamajig
- ▶ thing

**what's its name/whatchamacallit** ALSO **whatsit** British /'wɒts ɪts ,neɪm, 'wɒtʃəmə,kɔːlɪt/ 'wɑː-, 'wɒtsɪt/ 'wɑːt-/ [n phrase] informal spoken say this when you do not know the name of something or cannot remember it exactly: Do you have a what's its name – you know, one of those things for taking off wallpaper? | I've broken the whatchamacallit on my purse. | You need one of those whatsits to turn the bolt.

**thingy/thingamajig** /'θɪŋɪ, 'θɪŋəmɪdʒɪg/ [n C] informal spoken say this especially when you do not want to try to think about the exact name of something: You squeeze this little thingamajig, and it forces air into the pocket. | The towels are on the thingy at the top of the stairs.

**thing** /θɪŋ/ [n C] spoken something whose name you do not know exactly but that has particular features or is a type of the thing you are mentioning: He's got one of those electronic things, you know, that you can record all your addresses in. | **noun + thing** What's that box thing on the table? | She was wearing one of those Spanish type jacket things.

# think

WHAT'S HERE	
● to think about sth	see 1 to 6
● to have a thought	see 7
● to have a particular opinion	see 8 to 10
● to think that sth is true, but not be sure	see 11 to 12

## to think about sth

- RELATED WORDS
- ▶ to try not to think about something see **forget**
- ▶ pay attention to what you are doing see **attention**
- ▶ see also **confused**



## 1 to think about something before making a decision

- ▶ **think**
- ▶ **consider**
- ▶ **think over**
- ▶ **think through**
- ▶ **give sth some thought**
- ▶ **sleep on it**
- ▶ **mull over**
- ▶ **be under consideration**

**think** /θɪŋk/ [v I] Give me time to think. | It's a difficult question. Think carefully before you answer. | + **about** I've been thinking about how to tell Marcia the bad news. | 'What are you going to do with your day off?' 'I don't know – I haven't really thought about it yet.' | **think hard** (=think carefully) You have to think hard and ask yourself, 'Do I want to give up everything to do this?' | **stop to think** You never even stopped to think how this might be affecting your family!

**consider** /kən'sɪdər/ [v T] to think about something carefully before deciding what to do: Before buying a car you should consider the cost of insuring it. | **consider doing sth** Have you considered working as a journalist?

**think over** /,θɪŋk 'əʊvər/ [phr v T] to think carefully about an idea, suggestion, or offer before deciding what to do **think sth over** After thinking it over, I've decided to accept the offer. | **think over sth** Think over what I told you, and give me your answer when you're ready.

**think through** /,θɪŋk 'θru:/ [phr v T] to think carefully and thoroughly about all the possible results and effects of something you are doing or plan to do **think through sth** The government is being criticized for not thinking through the consequences of further tax cuts. | It seems to me the whole plan was very badly thought through. | **think sth through** Before you commit yourself to this contract you should take a couple of hours to think it through.

**give sth some thought** ALSO **have a think** British /,gɪv (sth) səm 'θɔ:t, 'hæv ə 'θɪŋk/ [v phrase] to spend some time thinking carefully about a question or problem in order to decide what to do: My agent really wanted me to do the movie, but after giving it some thought I decided not to. | I'm still not sure what's the best route to take. I'll have a think about it tonight.

**sleep on it** /'sli:p ɒn ɪt/ [v phrase] to delay making a decision about a difficult problem until the next day in order to have more time to think about it: There's no obligation to do anything at all. Sleep on it, and tell me what you think in the morning.

**mull over** /,mʌl 'əʊvər/ [phr v T not in passive] to spend a long time thinking carefully about a plan or idea **mull over sth** If you are mulling over the idea of starting a new business, remember that there are many things that can affect your decision. | **mull sth over** After almost two decades of mulling it over in his mind, Sayles finally made his Texas movie.

**be under consideration** /bi: ,ʌndər kən'sɪdər-'reɪʃən/ [v phrase] if a plan, request, suggestion etc is under consideration, it is being considered and discussed so that an official decision can be made: A new pension plan for employees is now under consideration. | One of the amendments under consideration proposes that all European countries reduce pollution levels by 30%.

## 2 to think about something a lot

- ▶ **give sth a lot of thought**
- ▶ **have sth on your mind**
- ▶ **can't stop thinking about sb/sth**
- ▶ **dwell on**
- ▶ **brood**
- ▶ **be wrapped up in**
- ▶ **be preoccupied**
- ▶ **have sth on the brain**
- ▶ **turn sth over in your mind**

**give sth a lot of thought** /,gɪv (sth) ə ,lɒt əv 'θɔ:t-||,lɑ:t- / [v phrase] I've given this a lot of thought, because we all know that health care issues are very important today. | **give a lot of thought to sth** Tony has given a lot of thought to what made his father a legendary coach. | Many of the new West-Coast designers have obviously given a lot of thought to their furniture designs.

**have sth on your mind** /hæv (sth) ɒn jɔ:'maɪnd/ [v phrase not in progressive] to be thinking about something all the time, especially because you are worried about it: She has something on her mind, but she won't tell us what it is. | 'Should we tell Dad?' 'No, he's got a lot on his mind right now.' | **be on sb's mind** Come on, tell me what's on your mind. | I'm not looking forward to the interview. It's been on my mind all week.

**can't stop thinking about sb/sth** ALSO **can't get sb/sth out of my mind** /,kɑ:nt stɒp 'θɪŋkɪŋ əbaʊt (sb/sth) ||,kænt stɑ:p-, ,kɑ:nt get (sb/sth) aʊt əv maɪ 'maɪnd / [v phrase] informal to be unable to stop thinking about someone or something, even when you do not want to think about them: After the first three months of the pregnancy were over, I just couldn't stop thinking about food. | I just can't get that poor family out of my mind.

**dwell on** /'dwel ɒn/ [phr v T not usually in passive] to spend too much time thinking about something sad or unpleasant – use this especially when telling someone not to do this: Brian's still dwelling too much on the past, in my opinion. | There's no use in dwelling on problems that we can't do anything about.

**brood** /bru:d/ [v I] to keep thinking for a long time about something that worries you or that makes you angry or upset: Austin sat in the corner brooding and looking sorry for himself. | + **on/over/about** You can't spend all your time at home brooding about the way he treated you. | The poetry spends a lot of time brooding over death.

**be wrapped up in** /bi: ,ræpt 'ʌp ɪn/ [v phrase] to spend all your time thinking about something that concerns you, for example your work, so that you have no time to think about other things or other people: These days she's so wrapped up in her children she never sees anybody. | Sometimes the professors are so wrapped up in their graduate students, they ignore the undergraduates.

**be preoccupied** /bi: prɪ'ɒkjʊpaɪd-|-ɑ:k-/ [v phrase] to be thinking all the time about something that is worrying you or that is important to you, so that it is difficult to think about anything else: What is being done to end the crisis which has preoccupied the country's political leadership? | + **with** My mother was preoccupied with my brother and his illness, so I was allowed to do what I wanted.

**have sth on the brain** /hæv (sth) ɒn ðə 'breɪn/ [v phrase] spoken to be always thinking about a particular thing – use this when you want to say that someone thinks about something far too much: It's unbelievable – you have sex on the brain 24 hours a day!



**turn sth over in your mind** /ˌtɜːn (sth) əʊvər ɪn jɔːr 'maɪnd/ [v phrase] to think about something carefully and repeatedly, especially something you do not fully understand or that you have not made a final decision about: *When Dan left, Mae stayed there, turning his invitation over in her mind.* | *As he studied the picture of the little boy, he began to turn an idea over in his mind.*

### 3 to think about something you might do in the future

- ▶ think about/of
- ▶ consider
- ▶ contemplate
- ▶ toy with the idea of

**think about/of** /'θɪŋk əbaʊt, ɒv/ [v T not in passive] *Have you ever thought about a cruise to the Bahamas?* | **think about/of doing sth** *I'm thinking of specializing in Russian and Chinese.* | *We thought about going away for a week or two, but neither of us have time.*

**contemplate** /'kɒntəmpleɪt/ [v T] to think seriously about something important you intend to do in the future – use this especially in written and formal contexts: *Isn't 17 a little young to be contemplating marriage?* | **contemplate doing sth** *Many years ago he had contemplated writing a book about his childhood.* | *The government was contemplating fining anyone who was found within the island's danger zone.*

**consider** /kən'sɪdə/ [v T] to think about something that you might possibly do in the future, but without definitely deciding whether you will do it or not: *We began to consider the possibility of moving to Japan permanently.* | *For any skin problem, it's worth considering a change of diet.* | **consider doing sth** *I considered driving out to Atlantic City to meet her.* | *Have you considered getting a new car?*

**toy with the idea of** /'tɔɪ wɪð ði aɪdɪər ɒv/ [v phrase] to think about doing something in the future, but not very seriously because you probably will not do it: *Lately I've been toying with the idea of a trip to South America.* | **toy with the idea of doing sth** *He began toying with the idea of writing a book about his years in the FBI.* | *As late as the age of forty, I toyed with the idea of going back to college.*

### 4 to think about the advantages and disadvantages of something

- ▶ take stock
- ▶ weigh/weigh up

**take stock** /ˌteɪk 'stɒk/ [v phrase] to think carefully about the situation you are in, and about the way it has developed so far, in order to decide what to do next: *Between projects, Morrison tries to rest, take stock, and do some gardening for relaxation.* | **+ of** *Now that the crisis is over, it is time to take stock of the political situation in the region.* | *It's time to take stock of what our government does and weed out the wasteful and ineffective programs.*

**weigh/weigh up** /weɪ, 'weɪ 'ʌp/ [v T] to carefully consider a plan or choice by comparing all the advantages and disadvantages involved, so that you can make a decision: *I've been weighing up all the pros and cons of moving to London.* | *Investors are weighing their next moves after the stock market climbed to record heights yesterday.* | **weigh sth against sth** *After weighing the cost of the new program against supposed benefits, the directors decided to cancel the project.*

### 5 when someone is thinking about something

- ▶ thoughtful
- ▶ be lost/deep in thought
- ▶ pensive

**thoughtful** /'θɔːtfəl/ [adj] someone who is **thoughtful** has a serious expression on their face and does not say anything, because they are thinking deeply about something: *Suddenly he became more thoughtful, and his eyes filmed over with sadness.* | *My mother sat and watched me eating my food with a thoughtful expression on her face – I could tell she had something to say.*

**pensive** /'pensɪv/ [adj] thinking deeply about something and seeming a little sad – use this especially in literary contexts: *He kept looking over at her sad, pensive face.* | *As he ended his trip, the usually upbeat Mr. Liebenow was in a pensive mood.* — **pensively** [adv] *Molly looked pensively out at the soft September day.*

**be lost/deep in thought** /biː ˌlɒst, ˌdiːp ɪn 'θɔːt/ [v phrase] to be thinking so deeply about something that you do not notice what is happening around you: *She'd been so deep in thought, she hadn't heard the man open the dining room door.* | *Her mother stood folding the wash, lost in thought.*

### 6 when you do or say something without thinking

- ▶ without thinking
- ▶ automatic
- ▶ off the top of your head
- ▶ automatically
- ▶ in the heat of the moment
- ▶ reflex
- ▶ knee-jerk reaction
- ▶ off-the-cuff

**without thinking** /wɪð.aʊt 'θɪŋkɪŋ/ [adv] *Without thinking, Charlotte hugged the girl to try to comfort her.* | **+ about** *Most US companies are still spewing out carbon dioxide without thinking about its potential costs.*

**off the top of your head** /ɒf ðə ˌtɒp əv jɔːr 'hed/ [adv] spoken if you give an answer **off the top of your head**, you say it without thinking about it for very long and without being sure it is correct: *'How much is the house worth?' 'Off the top of my head, I'd say it's worth maybe \$160,000.'*

**in the heat of the moment** /ɪn ðə ˌhiːt əv ðə 'məʊmənt/ [adv] if you say or do something **in the heat of the moment**, you do it very suddenly and without thinking when you are feeling angry or excited, so that you feel sorry about it afterwards: *'In the heat of the moment, my emotions took over and I hit him,' Harper admitted.* | *Our children need to know not only how to prevent pregnancies, but also the long-term effects of a decision they make in the heat of the moment.*

**automatic** /ˌɔːtə'mætɪk/ [adj] an **automatic** response, reaction, or answer is one that happens immediately and without you having to think, especially because you have done it many times before: *A teacher's automatic reaction is to correct mistakes in language.* | *Elizabeth immediately flew into a rage – her automatic response to any kind of criticism.*

**automatically** /ˌɔːtə'mætɪkli/ [adv] if you do something **automatically**, you do it as a natural reaction and without thinking, because it is what you always do: *His mother continued to talk angrily, and Tim's thoughts automatically switched to more pleasant subjects.* | *You cannot automatically assume that everything your teacher says is correct.*



**reflex** /'ri:fleks/ [adj only before noun] a **reflex** action, response, or movement is a physical movement that you make as a natural reaction to something, without having to think about doing it: *a reflex eye movement* | *At birth, an infant can perform only simple reflex actions and behaviours.*

**knee-jerk reaction** /'ni: dʒɜ:k ri:ækʃən/ [n C] a reaction that someone makes without thinking at all, because it is the way they always react – use this about a reaction that you expect and disapprove of: *Their knee-jerk reaction is to object to everything the management suggests.* | *If a journalist's judgement is questioned, the knee-jerk reaction is usually, 'I have a right to print whatever I want, so I will.'*

**off-the-cuff** /,ɒf ðə 'kʌf/ [adj] an **off-the-cuff** remark is one that you make without thinking carefully and without any preparation: *The press officer said that the president's statement was an off-the-cuff remark, not as an official statement of policy.* — **off the cuff** [adv] *Speaking off the cuff and with emotion, Pope John Paul II described his disappointment with the recent course of Western history.*

## to have a thought

### 7 when a thought comes into your mind

- ▶ think
- ▶ have an idea
- ▶ have a thought
- ▶ occur to
- ▶ cross sb's mind
- ▶ enter sb's mind
- ▶ strike
- ▶ come to mind/spring to mind

**think** /θɪŋk/ [v I/T] to have an idea or thought in your mind, especially one that appears suddenly: *What are you thinking right now?* | **+ of** *I've just thought of a really good idea.* | *Has she thought of any names for the baby?* | *'Did you ask Rita?' 'No, I didn't think of that.'* | **think of doing sth** *There was water spraying everywhere, but nobody even thought of turning it off.* | **think (that)** *I think I'll go and see what's happening out there.*

**have an idea** /,hæv ən aɪ'diə/ [v phrase] to think of an idea: *I have an idea. Why don't I drive the kids to school and then you can stay here.* | *Let me know if you have any good ideas.* | *Theresa had another idea. We would hitchhike to her hometown, and live in her brother's garage* | **+ for** *Collings had an idea for a device that would block out TV programs that parents didn't want their children to watch.*

**have a thought** /,hæv ə 'θɔ:t/ [v phrase not in progressive] spoken to think something: *I've just had an awful thought. What if all the banks are closed?* | *I had an interesting thought today when I was talking to Anita. Do you realize that she's never asked us to her house in all the time we've known her?*

**occur to** /ə'kɜ:t tu:/ [phr v T not in progressive or passive] if a new thought **occurs to** you, you suddenly think it **it occurs to sb that** *It suddenly occurred to Miranda that perhaps no one would believe her story.* | *Didn't it occur to you that I might be worried?* | **sth occurs to sb** *The possibility that he might be wrong never occurs to him.* | **it occurs to sb to do sth** *As I thought about Mel and David and how similar they were, it occurred to me to introduce them to each other.*

**cross sb's mind** /,krɒs (sb's) 'maɪnd/ [v phrase not in progressive] if a thought **crosses someone's mind** they think about it for a short time: *'Why didn't you call me?' 'The thought did cross my mind while I was shopping this afternoon, but then I*

*forgot all about it.* | **it crossed sb's mind that** *It crossed my mind that I was the only female coach on the committee, but that made me more determined than ever.* | **it crossed sb's mind to do sth** *Several times it had crossed his mind to check on the car, but he never actually did it.* | **it never crossed sb's mind** *'It never crossed my mind to give up,' he said. 'It became an obsession.'*

**enter sb's mind** /,entər (sb's) 'maɪnd/ [v phrase not in progressive] if a thought **enters** someone's **mind**, they begin to think about it **it entered sb's mind that** *At that moment it entered my mind that maybe someone was trying to kill him.* | **it entered sb's mind to do sth** *Did it ever enter your mind to take out the garbage?* | **it never entered sb's mind** *It never entered my mind that Philip might be jealous.*

**strike** /straɪk/ [v T not in progressive or passive] if a thought or idea **strikes** you, you suddenly think it, especially because of something you have just seen or heard **it strikes sb that** *I looked around the glittering room and it struck me that I was probably the poorest person there.* | **strike sb as + adjective** *My mother was always asking questions, and it struck me as odd that she didn't ask one on this occasion.*

**come to mind/spring to mind** /,kʌm tə 'maɪnd, ,sprɪŋ tə 'maɪnd/ [v phrase not in progressive] if something **comes** or **springs to mind**, you suddenly think it, especially in relation to a particular subject that you are considering: *As I read the letter again, a number of thoughts came to mind.* | *Henry asked the first question that came to mind.* | *I love the circus life, but when people asked me what I wanted to be when I was older, 'circus performer' was not what sprang to mind.*

## to have a particular opinion

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **opinion**

### 8 to have a particular opinion

- ▶ think
- ▶ believe
- ▶ feel
- ▶ figure
- ▶ reckon
- ▶ consider
- ▶ regard/see
- ▶ think of sb/sth as/look on sb/sth as
- ▶ take the view that/be of the opinion that
- ▶ be recognized/acknowledged as

**think** /θɪŋk/ [v T not in progressive] **+ (that)** *We didn't think that the concert was very good.* | *She thinks I'm crazy to leave my job.* | *I thought we had a good meeting yesterday.* | **what do you think of sb/sth** (=what is your opinion about them?) *What did you think of the new car? Did you drive it?*

**believe** /bɪ'li:v/ [v T not in progressive] to have an opinion that you are sure is right, especially about something important such as life, religion, or politics **+ (that)** *The party believes strongly that health care should be provided for everyone.* | *We believe human rights are more important than economic considerations.*

**feel** /fi:l/ [v T not in progressive] to have a strong opinion, but one which is based on your feelings rather than on facts **+ (that)** *Liz's parents feel she isn't old enough to leave home.* | *I feel that we're just beginning to make progress, and that it would be wrong to stop now.*



**figure** /'fɪgə/'fɪgjər/ [v T not in progressive or passive] especially American, informal to develop a particular opinion about a situation after considering it carefully: *What do you figure his chances of winning are?* | **+ (that)** *The operation went fine, and they figure he'll be home next week.* | *I'm telling you because I figure you're the only one who can keep a secret.*

**reckon** /'rekən/ [v T not in progressive] especially British, informal to have a particular opinion about something or someone: *What do you reckon – would this make a good present for Donald's birthday?* | **+ (that)** *They reckon the French team's better than ours.* | **be reckoned to be sth** *This hotel is reckoned to be one of the best in the country.*

**consider** /kən'sɪdə/ [v T not in progressive] formal to have an opinion about someone or something after thinking carefully about them **consider sb/sth sth** *We do not consider this film suitable for young children.* | *I would consider it an honour to serve on the Executive Committee.* | **consider sb/sth to be sth** *She is considered to be one of the finest pianists of her generation.*

**regard/see** /rɪ'gɑːrd, siː/ [v T not in progressive] to think that someone or something is a particular kind of person or thing **regard sb/sth as sth** *She regards herself more as an entertainer than a singer.* | *America was seen as the land of opportunity.* | *Several members of the government have said they regard the Minister's statement as ridiculous.*

**think of sb/sth as/look on sb/sth as** /'θɪŋk əv (sb/sth) æz, 'lʊk ɒn (sb/sth) æz/ [v T not usually in progressive] to think that someone or something is a particular kind of person or thing, especially when your opinion is wrong, unusual, or unfair: *Most people think of Leonardo da Vinci as a great artist, but he was also a great scientist.* | *Learning a language should be thought of as a natural process.* | *Even doctors may look on these patients as drug addicts and treat them as social outcasts.*

**take the view that/be of the opinion that** /,teɪk ðə 'vjuː ðæt, biː əv ði ə'pɪnjən ðæt/ [v phrase not in progressive] to decide to have a particular opinion about a situation or about life in general, especially when other people have different opinions – use this in formal or written contexts: *Nineteenth century scientists took the view that the Universe was meaningless.* | *Aristotle was of the opinion that there would always be rich and poor within society.* | *The committee is of the opinion that the contract is not legally binding.*

**be recognized/acknowledged as** /biː 'rek-əgnaɪzd, ək'nɒlɪdʒd æz/-'nɑː-/ [v phrase] to be thought of as being important or very good by a large number of people: *Von Braun was then acknowledged as the world's foremost expert on rocket engineering.* | *Lawrence's novel was rejected at first, but it later came to be recognized as a work of genius.*

## 9 the way you generally think about something

- ▶ attitude
- ▶ mentality
- ▶ way of thinking
- ▶ outlook
- ▶ world view
- ▶ mindset

**attitude** /'ætɪtjuːd/-tuːd/ [n C] *When I told them I was a doctor their whole attitude changed.* | *What I don't need is somebody with an attitude problem.* | **+ to/towards** *His attitude to his new job seemed to be very negative.* | *In order to change attitudes towards employing women, the government is bringing in new laws.* | **+ of** *They maintained an attitude of defiance to social conventions.*

**mentality** /men'tælɪti/ [n C usually singular] an attitude that a particular group of people has, which makes them behave in a way that you think is stupid or wrong: *I don't understand the mentality of these teenagers.* | *She despised the bourgeois mentality of the professional class.* | *You know, I wonder if this is a male kind of mentality.*

**way of thinking** /,wei əv 'θɪŋkɪŋ/ [n phrase] the attitude of a person or group, especially about what other people should or should not do: *You'll come to understand my way of thinking when you're my age and you have your own children to worry about.* | *I was glad to be with people who shared my way of thinking.*

**outlook** /'aʊtlʊk/ [n C] someone's general attitude to life: *After a good vacation, you'll have a completely different outlook.* | *The farmers were narrowly provincial in their outlook.* | **+ on** (=attitude to life etc) *His outlook on life is largely a result of his strict education.*

**world view** /,wɜːld 'vjuː/ [n singular] the attitude that a person, group or nation has towards life or the world: *The traditional Indian world view is based on certain definite concepts.* | *the Communist world view* | *He believes the change in the world view has occurred because of the new developments in communications.*

**mindset** /'maɪndset/ [n singular] the way a particular person or group tends to think, especially when this is difficult to change: *The residents of this city have an insular mindset, so strangers are not always made welcome.* | *The mindset of that generation was definitely more obedient than today's.* | *There does seem to have been a slight shift in the government's mindset in the light of recent events.*

## 10 what you say when giving your opinion

- ▶ I think/believe
- ▶ in my opinion
- ▶ as far as I'm/we're concerned
- ▶ if you ask me
- ▶ to me
- ▶ as I see it/the way I see it
- ▶ personally

**I think/believe** /aɪ 'θɪŋk, biː'liːv/ spoken say this when giving your opinion. **I believe** is more formal than **I think + (that)** *I think it's a great idea.* | *I believe that we can do better than this.*

**in my opinion** /ɪn 'maɪ ə'pɪnjən/ [adv] use this especially in formal contexts: *In my opinion, most people learn best by doing, not by sitting in a classroom and reading about it.* | *She is, in my opinion, one of the foremost artists of our time.*

**as far as I'm/we're concerned** /əz ,faːr əz 'aɪm, 'wiə kən,sɜːrnd/ [adv] especially spoken use this especially when you do not care if other people do not agree with your opinion: *He says he tried hard to make the relationship work, but it wasn't hard enough as far as I'm concerned.* | *I will not go on a plane. As far as I'm concerned, they're just accidents waiting to happen.*

**if you ask me** /ɪf juː ,ask 'miː/-,æsk-/ [adv] spoken say this especially when you are giving your opinion about a particular problem: *If you ask me, getting rid of the death tax is the best thing they could do.* | *All this stuff about poisons in the water supply is a load of hogwash, if you ask me.*

**to me** /tə 'miː/ [adv] spoken say this when giving your opinion: *To me, the system seemed too complicated for most people.* | *They call Ned Kelly a criminal, but to me he will always be a hero.*



**as I see it/the way I see it** /əz 'aɪ, si: ɪt, ðə, weɪ 'aɪ, si: ɪt/ [adv] say this when giving your opinion: *As I see it, there are two alternatives. We can either stay with your parents or rent a place.* | *The way I see it, if you don't borrow money now, you'll lose the opportunity to expand the business.*

**personally** /'pɜːr'sənəli/ [adv] spoken say this to emphasize that something is your opinion: *Personally, I think it's a crazy idea.* | *Personally, I don't care how it gets done, as long as it's done quickly.* | **personally speaking** *Personally speaking, I think it's a great name for a cigarette.*

## to think that sth is true, but not be sure

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **sure/not sure, doubt**

## 11 to think that something is true, but not be sure

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| ▶ <b>think/believe</b>                  | ▶ <b>believe</b>             |
| ▶ <b>assume</b>                         | ▶ <b>presume</b>             |
| ▶ <b>assumption</b>                     | ▶ <b>presumably</b>          |
| ▶ <b>be under the impression (that)</b> | ▶ <b>suppose</b>             |
| ▶ <b>suspect</b>                        | ▶ <b>take it for granted</b> |

**think/believe** /θɪŋk, bɪ'li:v/ [v T not in progressive] to think something is true, but you are not completely sure. **Believe** is more formal than **think** + **(that)** *I think Jill moved to the new house last week.* | *'Is it painted?' 'No, I think it's a mosaic.'* | **I think so/I believe so** (=say this to answer 'yes' to a question when you are fairly sure that something is true) *'Has James gone home?' 'Yes, I think so.'*

**assume** /ə'sju:m||ə'su:m/ [v T] to think that something is true, although you have no proof: *You shouldn't just assume things without getting all the facts.* | + **(that)** *I just assumed that the woman standing next to Jack was his wife.* | *We assume that other industrialized nations are going to help with money for food and other supplies.* | **we can safely assume** (=it is reasonably certain) *I think we can safely assume that the practice is legal.*

**assumption** /ə'sʌmpʃən/ [n C] something that you think is true although you have no proof: *Yes the Socialists will probably win – that seems a fair assumption.* | **make the assumption that** *At that time we had to make the assumption that the disease was spreading and take action to stop it.* | **on the assumption that** *Eden acted on the assumption that his allies would support him.*

**be under the impression (that)** /biː, ʌndər ðɪ ɪm'preʃən (ðət)/ [v phrase] to wrongly believe that something is true, because of something you have heard or seen: *I was under the impression that you couldn't get a parking ticket on private property.* | **be under the mistaken impression (that)** *The average American is under the mistaken impression that wildlife refuges have been set up to protect animals.*

**suspect** /sə'spekt/ [v T not in progressive] to think that something is probably true, especially something bad + **(that)** *I suspect that he never really loved her.* | *No one suspected anything was wrong.* | **as sb suspected** *As we suspected, there is a problem with the braking system, and it will be replaced.*

**believe** /bɪ'li:v/ [v T not in progressive] to feel sure that something is true because of information that you

have, although there is always some possibility that you are wrong + **(that)** *Police believe that the money was stolen by a gang of youths.* | **believe sb to be capable/honest/a fool etc** *I had always believed Catherine to be absolutely honest in money matters.* | **firmly believe** *Both sides firmly believe that a peace settlement is now possible.*

**presume** /pri'zju:m||-'zu:m/ [v T not in progressive] to be fairly sure of something, especially because you have a good reason to think so, although you have no proof + **(that)** *The committee presumed that its decisions would be carried out.* | **presume sb/sth to be sb/sth** *Many scientists presumed the new damage to the forests to be the result of higher levels of pollution.* | **be presumed innocent/dead/responsible etc** *The defendant is presumed innocent until proved guilty.*

**presumably** /pri'zju:məbli||-'zu:-/ [adv] if you say something **presumably** is a fact, you think it must be true because of the information you have: *Several of the villagers disappeared, presumably killed by enemy soldiers.* | *The audience hears the word so many times during the play that presumably they learn what it means if they didn't already know.*

**suppose** /sə'pəʊz/ [v T not in progressive] to think that something is probably true, especially because of some information you have – use this in written or formal contexts + **(that)** *We have no reason to suppose that the girl is dead.* | *There are many reasons to suppose that Shakespeare was familiar with the stories of medieval Italy.*

**take it for granted** /,teɪk ɪt fər 'grɑːntɪd||-'græn-/ [v phrase] to be sure that something is true without ever asking yourself whether you are right or not: *I never asked if she was single – I just took it for granted.* | + **(that)** *I took it for granted that Steven would still be working for us when the new project started.*

## 12 what you say when you think something is true, but you are not sure

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| ▶ <b>I think</b>                         | ▶ <b>I imagine</b>                   |
| ▶ <b>I suppose</b>                       | ▶ <b>as far as I'm aware</b>         |
| ▶ <b>I guess</b>                         | ▶ <b>to the best of my knowledge</b> |
| ▶ <b>get the impression/feeling/idea</b> | ▶ <b>I take it</b>                   |
| ▶ <b>as far as I know</b>                |                                      |

**I think** /aɪ 'θɪŋk/ spoken *She'll be here about 9, I think.* | + **(that)** *I think the dog must have eaten it.* | **I think so** *'Is Matthew still here?' 'I think so – I've just seen him.'* | **I would think so** *'Will Jenny be at the meeting?' 'I would think so.'*

**I suppose** /aɪ sə'pəʊz/ spoken say this when you think that something is probably true but you are not really sure: *Having a burglar alarm makes you feel safer, I suppose.* | + **(that)** *I suppose we can pay by credit card but we'd better check first.* | **I suppose so** (=say this to answer a question) *'Will the children be disappointed?' 'Yes, I suppose so.'*

**I guess** /aɪ 'ges/ especially American, spoken say this when you think that something is probably true but you are not really sure: *Rob just got tired of living with her, I guess.* | + **(that)** *I guess this is the best way to do it.* | **I guess so** *'Is the truck safe to drive now?' 'I guess so.'*

**get the impression/feeling/idea** /,get ðɪ ɪm'preʃən, 'fiːlɪŋ, aɪ'dɪə/ [v phrase not in progressive] to start to think something is a fact because of various things that happen, because of the way someone is



behaving etc + **(that)** *I got the impression she was actually quite nervous about it.* | *Walking down the main street, you get the feeling that nothing ever happens in this town.* | *I don't want you to get the idea that I don't like him.* | **get this/that idea** *'He thinks you're angry with them.'* *'Where on earth did he get that idea?'*

**as far as I know** /əz faɪr əz 'aɪ nəʊ/ spoken say this when you think that something is true, although you realize that you may not know all the facts: *As far as I know, Caroline's never been married.* | *Alaska doesn't have any drilling sites off the coast, as far as I know.*

**I imagine** /aɪ ɪ'mædʒɪn/ spoken say this when you think that something is likely to be true, although what you say is only based on your opinion + **(that)** *I imagine she's stuck in a traffic jam or something.* | **I would imagine (that)** *I would imagine that Libby could help you – she knows a lot about legal things.*

**as far as I'm aware** /əz faɪr əz 'aɪm ə weə/ spoken say this when you want to make it clear that there may be things you do not know about a situation: *As far as I am aware, Mr Cusner and his family are still living in Cleveland, Ohio.*

**to the best of my knowledge** /tə ðə best əv maɪ 'nɒlɪdʒ -'nɑː-/ formal spoken say this when you want to make it clear that you are not completely sure about the statement you are making: *To the best of my knowledge, this is the first time that anyone has translated these poems into English.*

**I take it** /aɪ 'teɪk ɪt/ spoken say this when you think that something is true and you are asking someone else to tell you that you are right + **(that)** *I take it that you're Rob's sister?* | *So can we take it that you'll be at the meeting?* | *You've made plans for the future, I take it?*

# thirsty

feeling that you want to drink something

## RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **drink, hungry**

- ▶ **thirsty**
- ▶ **need a drink**
- ▶ **be dying for**
- ▶ **dry**
- ▶ **parched**
- ▶ **dehydrated**
- ▶ **thirst**

**thirsty** /'θɜːrsti/ [adj] *Are you thirsty? Do you want some juice?* | *On a hot day, your dog can become very thirsty, so make sure they have plenty of water.* | *By the time you actually feel thirsty, your body is already slightly dehydrated.* | *Stands were set up to satisfy the thousands of thirsty people expected at the event.* | **thirsty work** British (=an activity that makes you thirsty, used especially humorously when you want an alcoholic drink) *I'll have a beer. Gardening is thirsty work, you know.*

**need a drink** /,niːd ə 'drɪŋk/ [v phrase] especially spoken to want to drink something, especially because you are very thirsty or because you want an alcoholic drink: *Jeez it's hot. I need a drink.* | *I need another drink if we're going to keep talking about this.*

**be dying for** ALSO **be gasping for** British /biː 'daɪ-ɪŋ fɔːr, biː 'gɑːspɪŋ fɔːr -'gæs-/ [v phrase] spoken to want to drink something very much: *We were dying for a Coke, so we stopped at a fast-food place.* | *I'm gasping for a cup of tea.* | **be dying for a drink** (=to want to drink something, especially alcohol) *I'm dying for a drink. Want to go for a pint?*

**dry** /draɪ/ [adj] when your throat or mouth is **dry**, it has very little liquid in it, so that you feel that you want a drink: *My throat was so dry I could hardly speak.*

**parched** /pɑː'tʃt/ [adj] if someone is **parched** they are very thirsty. You can also say that they have a **parched** throat or **parched** lips when they are very dry and they need a drink: *She put her water bottle to his parched lips.* | *Give me a sip of that, I'm parched.* | *They were dirty and parched, but in remarkably good condition after the rescue.*

**dehydrated** /,diːhaɪ'dreɪtɪd||diː'haɪdreɪtɪd/ [adj] someone who is **dehydrated** does not have enough liquid in their body and feels weak and ill: *When exercising, especially in the heat, drink often or you will become dehydrated.* | **severely dehydrated** *Children who have diarrhoea can quickly become severely dehydrated.*

**thirst** /θɜːrst/ [n singular] the feeling of wanting to drink something: *The soldiers suffered constantly from hunger and thirst.* | **quench your thirst** (=get rid of your thirst by drinking something) *After a workout, juices are excellent because they quench your thirst and replace fluids and carbohydrates.* | **die of thirst** (=died from a lack of something to drink) *Seven people died of thirst after their truck broke down on an isolated desert road.* | **work up a thirst** (=do work or exercise that makes you thirsty) *The bars and cafes cater to tourists who have worked up a thirst sightseeing.*

# threaten

to say that you will harm someone if they do not do what you want

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ likely to harm someone see **dangerous**
- ▶ see also **force sb to do sth, violent, attack, warn, frightened/frightening**

## 1 to threaten someone

- ▶ **threaten**
- ▶ **intimidate**
- ▶ **warn sb off**
- ▶ **hold sb to ransom**
- ▶ **make/issue threats**
- ▶ **get at/get to/nobble**
- ▶ **under duress**

**threaten** /'θreɪn/ [v T] to tell someone that you will hurt them or cause serious problems for them if they do not do what you want: *Then he started threatening me and saying that my family might get hurt.* | + **to do sth** *When they found out he was an American, the soldiers threatened to kill him.* | *Every time we have a quarrel, she threatens to leave me.* | **threaten sb with a knife/gun etc** *After threatening the manager with a knife, he stole £300 and ran off.* | **threaten sb with violence/jail/legal action etc** (=say you will hurt someone, put them in prison etc) *I was threatened with jail if I published the story.*

**intimidate** /ɪn'tɪmɪdeɪt/ [v T] to try to make someone do what you want by making them feel afraid: *He's being kept in jail until the trial so that he can't intimidate any of the witnesses.* | *The boss is quite tough, but don't let him intimidate you.* | **intimidate sb into doing sth** *Some workers are saying that they were intimidated into accepting the pay cuts, with threats of job losses.* — **intimidating** [adj] *He found the interviewers' manner aggressive and intimidating.*

**warn sb off** /,wɔːrn (sb) 'ɒf/ [phr v T] to try to make someone stay away from somewhere or stop doing



something by warning or threatening them: *Journalists trying to investigate the scandal were warned off by the FBI.* | **warn sb off sth** *The old man warned them off his land.* | **warn sb off doing sth** *Joanna's brothers had warned him off seeing her again.*

**hold sb to ransom** /ˌhəʊld (sb) tə 'rænsəm/ [v phrase] British to force a group, organization, or government to give you what you want by threatening to cause political or financial difficulties if they do not: *What gives cheaper fuel campaigners the right to hold the country to ransom?* | *The president said that the company would not be held to ransom by strikes.*

**make/issue threats** /ˌmeɪk, ɪʃu: 'θrets/ [v phrase] to repeatedly threaten to harm someone: *He wanted more money and over the next few weeks made further threats.* | + **about** *It's a waste of time issuing vague threats about imposing sanctions – we should send in the army.* | + **against** *Threats have been made against the judge who is investigating the case.*

**get at/get to/nobble** /'get æt, 'get tu:, 'nɒbəl ˈnɑː-/ [phr v T/phr v T/v T usually in passive] informal to threaten witnesses, judges, or other people involved in a court case in order to influence the court's decision: *The trial had to be abandoned when it was discovered that jury members had been got at by the Mafia.* | *He didn't like the idea that he had been nobbled, especially by a woman.* | *When the police questioned Davis, it was clear someone else had gotten to him first.*

**under duress** /ˌʌndər dju'res||-dʊ-/ [adv] formal achieved by using unfair threats to force someone to admit something or give something to someone: *The confession had been obtained under duress, and therefore could not be allowed as evidence.* | *In her defence, the accused said that she had been acting under duress when she took the money.*

## 2 to threaten someone in order to get money from them

- ▶ **blackmail**      ▶ **extort**

**blackmail** /'blækmeɪl/ [v T] to force someone to give you money or do what you want, by threatening to tell people about something that they want to keep secret: *You cannot blackmail a man who has nothing to hide.* | *The priest was being blackmailed by a woman who said he was the father of her child.* | **blackmail sb into (doing) sth** *She had tried to use the photographs to blackmail him into marrying her.* | *We will not be blackmailed into silence.* — **blackmail** [n U] *Bates got a 5-year jail sentence for blackmail.* | *'If you don't give me the money, I'm going to tell your wife.'* *'This is blackmail!'*

**extort** /ɪk'stɔːrt/ [v T] to get money from someone by threatening them: *He sought to extort money by threatening to reveal secrets about his boss's private life.* | **extort sth from sb** *For years the gang extorted money from local storekeepers.* — **extortion** /ɪk'stɔːrʃən/ [n U] the crime of extorting money: *The defendant pleaded guilty to two counts of extortion.*

## 3 behaving in a threatening way

- ▶ **threatening**      ▶ **menacing**

**threatening** /'θretnɪŋ/ [adj] threatening words or behaviour are intended to make someone feel afraid, so that they do what you want: *'You listen to me!' he said in a threatening voice.* | *He was arrested for threatening behaviour and using abusive language.* | **threatening letter/phone call** *Before the attack I'd received several threatening phone calls.*

**menacing** /'menɪsɪŋ/ [adj] making you feel frightened, especially in a quiet way and even though nothing violent is actually said or done: *One of the guards gave a low, menacing laugh.* | *There was something strange and rather menacing about the way she spoke.* — **menacingly** [adv] *The teacher towered menacingly above him.*

## 4 something you say or write in order to threaten someone

- ▶ **threat**      ▶ **ultimatum**

**threat** /θret/ [n C] when you tell someone that you will hurt them or cause serious problems for them if they do not do what you want: *I'm prepared to listen to him, but I'm not going to respond to threats.* | **make threats** *He denied making threats to kill her.* | **receive a threat** *Immigrant families in the area have received threats from right-wing extremist groups.* | **death threat** (=when someone threatens to kill you) *She claims she received anonymous death threats after she gave evidence in the trial.* | **carry out a threat** (=do what you threatened to do) *He showed no sign of carrying out his threat of making them pay.*

**ultimatum** /ˌʌltɪ'meɪtəm/ [n C] a final, often official, warning that unless someone does something you will punish or attack them **give sb an ultimatum** *She's ignored all my previous warnings about being late for work, so I've decided to give her an ultimatum.* | **issue an ultimatum** *The hijackers have issued an ultimatum – either the government releases the prisoners or the plane will be blown up.*

## 5 actions that threaten someone

- ▶ **intimidation**      ▶ **threatening behaviour**
- ▶ **menace**

**intimidation** /ɪnˌtɪmɪ'deɪʃən/ [n U] when you try to make someone do what you want by making them feel afraid: *Hoskins used intimidation and violence to get money from local restaurant owners.* | *The killings are part of a campaign of intimidation against opposition supporters.*

**menace** /'menɪs/ [n U] a way of behaving or speaking that makes people think that you are threatening them, even though you do not actually say or do anything violent: *His voice was soft but his tone and expression were full of menace.* | *Her manner suddenly changed from friendliness and warmth to one of faint menace.*

**threatening behaviour** /'θretnɪŋ brɪ'hervjər/ [n U] British the criminal offence of behaving in a threatening way towards someone – use this in legal contexts: *He was charged with being drunk and disorderly and using threatening behaviour.*

# throw

### WHAT'S HERE

- **to throw sth through the air** see **1 to 5**
- **to throw rubbish or unwanted things away** see **6 to 7**



# to throw sth through the air

## 1 to throw something

- ▶ throw
- ▶ chuck
- ▶ sling
- ▶ toss
- ▶ lob
- ▶ pitch
- ▶ hurl
- ▶ fling

**throw** /θrəʊ/ [v T] to make something such as a ball fly through the air by moving your arm quickly and letting it go: *The boys were throwing and catching a frisbee on the beach.* | **throw sth on/onto/across/down etc sth** John stood on the beach, throwing stones into the waves. | **throw sth at sb/sth** (=in order to try and hit them) *She was so angry that she threw the pan straight at my head.* | *A couple of kids started throwing stones at my window.* | **throw sb sth** (=when you want someone to catch something) *Carrie threw him a box of matches.* | **throw sth to sb** *The La Scala crowd cheered and threw flowers to the 57-year-old tenor.*

**chuck** /tʃʌk/ [v T] informal to throw something, especially in a careless way **chuck sth on/out of/into etc sth** *She took off her shoes and chucked them on the floor.* | **chuck sb sth** *Chuck me those cigarettes, would you?*

**sling** /slɪŋ/ [v T] to throw something carelessly, especially using a lot of force **sling sth into/down/over etc sth** *The baggage handlers just sling the cases in the back of the bus – they don't care if anything gets broken.* | *He watched horrified as they slung the body over the cliff.*

**toss** /tɒs/ [v T] to throw something, especially in a careless, relaxed way **toss sth into/out of/down etc sth** *The fire was started when a passing motorist carelessly tossed a cigarette out of his car.* | **toss sb sth** *He tossed her last week's edition of the 'Herald'.* | **toss sth to sb** *'Catch!' said Sandra, tossing her bag to Andy.*

**lob** /lɒb/ [v T] to throw something so that it goes high in the air before coming down **lob sth over/across etc sth** *Local kids keep lobbing empty beer cans over our fence.* | **lob sth at sb** (=when you want to hit them) *Someone lobbed a book at me, and it hit me in the face.*

**pitch** /pɪtʃ/ [v T] American to throw something quickly and carelessly **pitch sth across/over/onto etc sth** *Tod pitched his coat onto the sofa and ran toward the kitchen.* | **pitch sth to sb** (=when you want someone to catch something) *She pitched the ball to the little boy.*

**hurl** /hɜːl/ [v T] to throw a heavy object in a violent way, especially because you are angry **hurl sth at sb/sth** (=when you want to hit them) *Some demonstrators began hurling bricks at the police.* | **hurl sth into/out of/across etc sth** *He picked up the chair and hurled it across the room.*

**fling** /flɪŋ/ [v T] to throw something quickly and with a lot of force **fling sth out of/down/into etc sth** *He pulled the knife from her hand and flung it out of the window.* | **fling sth at sb** (=when you want to hit them) *When he gave her the tickets she ripped them up and flung them at him.* | **fling sb sth** (=when you want someone to catch something) *We flung him the safety rope.*

## 2 to throw a ball in a game

- ▶ throw
- ▶ pass
- ▶ pitch
- ▶ bowl

▶ see also **sport/game, score**

**throw** /θrəʊ/ [v T] *He threw the ball so hard it went over their heads.* | **throw sth at/into etc sth** *Julie threw the basketball straight into the net.* | **throw sth to sb** *Cromartie ran after the ball and threw it back to the pitcher in one smooth movement.* — **throw** [n C] *That was a very long throw – at least 80 yards.*

**pass** /pɑːs/ [v I/T] to throw the ball to another player in your team: *You should have passed and let Joe take the shot.* | + **to** *Johnson passes to White, White passes to Eliot, and Eliot scores!* | **pass sth to sb** *The quarterback passed the ball to Olson, who ran in for a touchdown.*

**pitch** /pɪtʃ/ [v I/T] to throw the ball in baseball so that someone from the other team can try to hit it with the bat: *Johnny learned to pitch by aiming at a target his Dad had painted on the side of the garage.* | *Ryan pitched a curve ball which easily beat the batter.* — **pitch** [n C] *The pitch went wide.*

**bowl** /bəʊl/ [v I/T] to throw the ball in cricket so that someone from the other team can try to hit it with the bat: *The batsman straightened up as Warne came in to bowl.* | *He's a very aggressive bowler – he always bowls the ball straight at the batsman's body.*

## 3 to throw something small and light with your fingers

- ▶ toss/flip
- ▶ flick

**toss/flip** /tɒs/ [v T] *Mum tried to toss the pancake but unfortunately it missed the pan and hit the floor.* | **toss/flip sth into/over etc sth** *Josh took a mint and flipped it into his mouth like a dime.* | **toss/flip a coin** (=make a coin go upwards and spin in the air, for example as a way of deciding something) *We couldn't decide which movie to go to, so in the end we just flipped a coin.*

**flick** /flɪk/ [v T] to make something small and light go forward through the air with a quick movement of your thumb and finger **flick sth off/into/over etc sth** *He paused and flicked a mosquito off his arm.* | **flick sth at sb** (=in order to try and hit someone) *Stop flicking water at me!*

## 4 to attack someone by throwing things at them

- ▶ pelt
- ▶ stone
- ▶ bombard

**pelt** /pelt/ [v T] **pelt sb with sth** *The boys sat in the back of the class, pelting each other with pieces of rolled up paper.* | *When the Vice-president toured the area in 1958 he was pelted with rotten eggs by angry farmers.* | **pelt sth at sb** *Demonstrators were pelting rocks and bottles at police.*

**stone** /stəʊn/ [v T] to throw stones at someone or something, in order to injure or damage them: *During the riot the mob started stoning the British embassy.* | **stone sb to death** (=throw stones at them until they are killed, especially as a punishment) *The thieves were caught and sentenced to be stoned to death.*



**bombard** /bɒm'ba:rd||ba:m-/ [v T] to attack someone by throwing large numbers of things at them at the same time **bombard sb with sth** *My brothers bombarded me with snowballs as soon as I stepped out of the house.* | *When the police tried to advance they were bombarded with petrol bombs.*

## 5 when a sudden force throws someone or something through the air

- ▶ **throw**
- ▶ **send sb/sth flying**
- ▶ **catapult/propel**
- ▶ **pitch**

**throw** /θrəʊ/ [v T] **throw sb/sth into/off/out of etc sth** *The blast from the explosion threw debris high up into the air.* | *I was cycling home when I got hit by a car and thrown off my bike.* | *A small plane was lifted up and thrown across the tarmac by a freak gust of wind.*

**send sb/sth flying** /,send (sb/sth) 'flaɪ-ɪŋ/ [v phrase] to make someone or something suddenly move forward or through the air: *He swung round suddenly, sending the papers on his desk flying.* | *Her foot caught on something on the ground. Whatever it was, it sent her flying.*

**catapult/propel** /'kætəpʌlt, prə'pel/ [v T] to suddenly push someone or something very hard so that they move extremely quickly through the air **catapult sb/sth into/over/out of etc sth** *The car crashed into a tree and the driver was catapulted through the windshield.* | *I felt myself being propelled into the air by the force of the explosion.*

**pitch** /pɪtʃ/ [v T] if something such as a strong wind or a sudden movement **itches** someone off a boat or a high place, it makes them fall off it **pitch sb into/over/out of etc sth** *A sudden gust of wind pitched him off the ledge and he was left hanging by his safety rope.* | *Two of the crew were pitched overboard when a big wave hit their ship.*

## to throw rubbish or other unwanted things away

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **get rid of**

## 6 to throw something away

- ▶ **throw away**
- ▶ **throw out**
- ▶ **get rid of**
- ▶ **toss/chuck**
- ▶ **dispose of sth**
- ▶ **discard**
- ▶ **dump**

**throw away** ALSO **chuck away** British informal /θrəʊ ə'weɪ, tʃʌk ə'weɪ/ [phr v T] **throw/chuck sth away** *I've thrown his photograph away and I never want to see his face again.* | *It's a nice dress. It would be a shame to chuck it away.* | *To avoid the risk of infection, needles must be used once and then thrown away immediately.* | **throw/chuck away sth** *Some employers throw away all incorrectly hand-written applications without even reading them.* | *In the bin there were a few scraps of food his mum had chucked away.*

**throw out** ALSO **chuck out** especially British, informal /θrəʊ 'aʊt, tʃʌk 'aʊt, tɒs 'aʊt||tɔ:s-/ [phr v T] to get rid of something, especially when you are trying to make a place more tidy or to make space for new things **throw/chuck/toss sth**

**out** *You haven't thrown those magazines out have you?* | *We chucked a lot of stuff out when we moved house.* | **throw/chuck/toss out sth** *She would do nothing for days then spring into action and spend a day throwing out all the garbage, cleaning the bathroom, and dusting.* | *Why don't you toss out all those old books. You'll never want to read them again.*

**get rid of** /get 'rɪd ɒv/ [v phrase] to throw something away, especially something old or dirty: *I think it's time we got rid of all these old toys.* | *If you hate that furniture so much why don't you get rid of it and buy some new stuff.* | **get rid of sth for sb** *Give me the empty bottles – I'll get rid of them for you.*

**toss/chuck** /tɒs||tɔ:s, tʃʌk/ [v T] American informal to get rid of something, especially when you are trying to make a place more tidy or to make room for new things: *If you don't want any of these shoes, I'm going to toss them.* | *'What should I do with all your old text books?' 'Just chuck them out – I'm never going to need them.'*

**dispose of sth** /dɪs'pəʊz əv (sth)/ [v T] formal to throw away something that you do not want or no longer need, by putting it in a suitable place: *Please dispose of this wrapper carefully.* | *Nuclear waste can cause serious damage to the environment if not disposed of properly.* — **disposal** [n U] *This is an incinerator for the disposal of hospital waste, such as used syringes.*

**discard** /dɪs'ka:rd/ [v T] formal to throw away something that you no longer need, especially by dropping it on the ground or leaving it somewhere you should not: *People who discard their litter in the streets should have to pay heavy fines.* | *A child had become trapped in a refrigerator discarded in a vacant lot.* — **discarded** [adj only before noun] *The police believe that the fire was started by a discarded cigarette.*

**dump** /dʌmp/ [v T] to throw away something dangerous or something no one wants, especially by leaving it in an unsuitable place **dump sth in/into sth** *People who want to get rid of old cars sometimes dump them in the woods.* | *Toxic waste is being dumped into the ocean.* | *The half-burned bodies were dumped in mass graves.*

## 7 designed to be used once and then thrown away

- ▶ **disposable**

**disposable** /dɪ'spəʊzəbəl/ [adj] *Didn't you know you can buy disposable contact lenses now?* | *a disposable toothbrush* | *disposable nappies*

## tidy

### RELATED WORDS

- opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **untidy**
- ▶ see also **clean, arrange, organize**

## 1 a tidy place/room/group of things

- ▶ **tidy**
- ▶ **neat**
- ▶ **immaculate**
- ▶ **well-kept**

**tidy** /'taɪdi/ [adj] British a place, room etc that is tidy looks nice because everything has been arranged and put in the right place **tidy**: *Andrew's apartment is always so tidy.* | *That looks a bit tidier now, doesn't it?* | *a tidy desk* | **keep sth tidy** *I think the least you*



could do is keep your own bedroom tidy. | My job was to mow the grass and keep the garden looking generally tidy. | **clean and tidy/neat and tidy/nice and tidy** We spent the morning getting the whole house clean and tidy. | I want to leave the place nice and tidy before we go.

**neat** /ni:t/ [adj] use this about things that are carefully arranged or shaped in a way that is nice to look at: Mrs Woodie cut the sandwiches in neat squares. | The room was neat, though a bit dusty. | Billy's cottage was set back off the road, behind a neat little hedge. | **neat pile/row** He put his clothes in a neat pile on the bed. | His jackets were arranged in a neat row in the closet. | **neat and tidy** I like to see everything looking neat and tidy. — **neatly** [adv] All the books were neatly arranged on the shelves. | He took off his jacket and folded it neatly on his lap.

**immaculate** /i'mækjʊlət/ [adj] a place or thing that is immaculate is perfectly clean and neat – use this to emphasize how clean something looks: Our house was immaculate, and Mother taught us to be polite and deferential to visitors. | a tiny harbour ringed with immaculate white clapboard houses | **immaculate suit/shirt/uniform etc** He was dressed in an immaculate navy suit and a crisp white shirt. | tall, blond soldiers in immaculate uniforms — **immaculately** [adv] Like the house, the garden was neat and immaculately kept.

**well-kept** /wel 'kept/ [adj] a well-kept building or garden is very well cared for and looks neat and clean: Our old house, now covered with ivy, still looked pretty and well-kept. | Visitors should tour the palace, but don't forget the well-kept grounds – well worth a visit.

## 2 to make a place tidy

- ▶ tidy/tidy up
- ▶ straighten/straighten up
- ▶ clean up
- ▶ clear up
- ▶ pick up
- ▶ get sth straight
- ▶ sort out

**tidy/tidy up** /'taɪdi, 'taɪdi 'ʌp/ [v T/phr v I/T] to make a room, desk, or drawer tidy: If you're not going to watch the football, you can tidy your room. | I haven't had time to tidy up yet. | I want this whole place tidied before I get back, ok? | **tidy up sth** You can start tidying up that mess you've made now. | She hung about after work, tidying up her desk. | **tidy sth up** Will you help me tidy the kitchen up a bit? | **tidy sth away** (=put something in the place where you usually keep it) Come on, let's have these toys tidied away now. | **tidy up after sb** (=to have to clean a room and put things away after someone has been in there) Both my sons think mothers are just here to tidy up after them.

**straighten/straighten up** /'streɪtn, 'streɪtn 'ʌp/ [v T/phr v I/T] American to make a place tidy and clean, by putting things in the right place or arranging them neatly: Make the bed and straighten up in there. | Kelly, when you're through with your break, would you straighten the office? | **straighten sth up** The city's janitors went on strike, leaving thousands of workers to straighten their own offices up and empty their own trash. | **straighten up sth** After the kids have left for school, I straighten up the house. | You're not leaving till you get your room straightened up.

**clean up** /kli:n 'ʌp/ [phr v I/T] to make a place tidy and clean, by putting things away and removing dust or dirt: Do you want me to help clean up? | **clean sth up** Thanks for cleaning the place up – I really appreciate it. | It took us two or three days to clean it

all up. | **clean up sth** Every time Jasper cooked for me, he would carefully clean up all the pans and plates he'd used.

**clear up** /kliə 'ʌp/ [phr v I/T] British to get rid of all the things that are making a place dirty or untidy: Who's going to clear up after the party? | John's offered to clear up the churchyard this weekend. | **clear sth up** It'll take ages to clear this up. | It looked as if Marie had already cleared the place up. | **clear up sth** Someone's got to clear up this mess! | Wait for me, I just need to clear up my desk. | **clear up after sb** (=tidy a place after someone else has made it untidy) I spend my life clearing up after the children.

**pick up** /pɪk 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to put things away neatly in order to make a place tidy **pick up sth** Could you pick up the newspapers and magazines for me? | **pick sth up** Help me pick these things up. We have company coming. | **pick up after sb** (=put away things that someone else has used) especially American I feel like I spend all my time picking up after the kids.

**get sth straight** /,get (sth) 'streɪt/ [v phrase] British informal to tidy a place and put everything where it should be: I like to get the house straight while the kids are at the youth club. | One of these days I'll get this garage straight.

**sort out** /sɔ:t 'aʊt/ [phr v T] especially British to organize something that is mixed up or untidy **sort sth out** I'm going to sit down quietly one day and sort my CDs out. | **sort out sth** I need to sort out the food cupboard, and make a shopping list. | We've got to sort out all our stuff to take home tonight.

## 3 words for describing someone who always likes to keep things tidy

- ▶ neat/tidy
- ▶ neat freak
- ▶ houseproud

**neat/tidy** /ni:t, 'taɪdi/ [adj] someone who is neat or tidy always like to keep things in their right place: I've never been very neat but my husband is just the opposite. | Malcolm's always been tidy, even as a kid.

**houseproud** /'haʊsprəʊd/ [adj] British someone, especially a woman, who is houseproud wants their home to always look extremely clean and tidy, and spends a lot of time keeping it like this: She has a reputation for being very houseproud. | Elaine's houseproud ways got on his nerves, but it was better than living alone.

**neat freak** /ni:t fri:k/ [n C] American spoken someone who always wants their things and their house to be very neat and clean, in a way that other people find annoying: Melissa is a neat freak and Doug is kind of a slob, so the two of them are always fighting.

## 4 someone who looks tidy

- ▶ neatly dressed
- ▶ immaculate
- ▶ clean-cut
- ▶ not have a hair out of place

**neatly dressed** /ni:tli 'drest/ [adj phrase] someone who has a neat appearance because of the type of clothes they are wearing: I rang the bell, and a neatly dressed maid answered the door. | She was in her mid-forties, neatly dressed with a quiet air of authority.

**immaculate** /i'mækjʊlət/ [adj] looking perfectly neat and clean, because you take a lot of care about your clothes, your hair etc: Leonardo appeared, immaculate as ever in a dark suit and tie. | She was always elegantly dressed and absolutely immacu-



late. | *A small but immaculate figure stood in the doorway.* — **immaculately** [adv] **immaculately dressed/groomed** *Ten minutes later she reappeared, immaculately dressed in a red linen tunic with matching pumps.* | *Though she was still immaculately groomed, there seemed somehow less poise about her.*

**clean-cut** /'kli:n kʌt/ [adj] a man who is **clean-cut** looks neat and clean: *a handsome, clean-cut man* | *Where Clinton was rugged and earthy, Gore is clean-cut and preppy.*

**not have a hair out of place** /nɒt hæv ə ,heər aʊt əv 'pleɪs/ [v phrase] to have a very neat appearance: *He sat at his desk, not a hair out of place, and turning a pencil over in his hand.* | *He seemed stern and austere and never had a hair out of place.*

## 5 tidy work/writing

► **neat**

**neat** /ni:t/ [adj] work or writing that is **neat** has been done very carefully: *Gina has very small neat handwriting.* | *Draw a rough diagram – it doesn't have to be very neat.*

# tie/untie

## RELATED WORDS

► to join together the two sides of something see **fasten/unfasten**

## 1 to fasten things together, using rope, string etc

► **tie**

► **lash**

► **tie up**

► **rope sb together**

► **do up**

**tie** /taɪ/ [v T] to fasten one thing to another using rope, string, wire etc **tie sth to/around/onto etc sth** *Don't forget to tie this label onto your suitcase.* | *The washing line was tied to a tree.* | *Saul tied one end of the rope around a large rock and lowered himself over the cliff.* | **tie a package/parcel** (=keep it closed by putting string around it) *The package had been tied with strong green string.* | **tie sth together** *If the rope is too short, tie two pieces together.* | *When the teacher stood up, he found that his shoes had been tied together.*

**tie up** /,taɪ 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to tie things together so that they are held firmly together **tie sth up** *I put the coins in a piece of cloth, tied it up and put the package in my bag.* | **tie up sth** *Clara tied up all the books again and put the bundle under the desk.*

**do up** /,du: 'ʌp/ [phr v T] especially British, informal to tie or fasten something, especially a piece of clothing **do sth up** *Could you do up the back of this dress for me?* | **do up your shoes/laces** (=tie the strings on your shoes) *Do up your laces before you trip and fall.*

**lash** /læʃ/ [v T] to tie something very tightly to something else so that it will not move at all **lash sth to sth** *The bags were lashed tightly to the roof of the jeep.* | **lash sth together** *The sailors made a raft by lashing tree-trunks together.*

**rope sb together** /,rəʊp (sb) tə'geðər/ [phr v T usually in passive] to tie things or people to each other using a fairly long piece of rope, so that they are connected to each other at a distance: *The climbers were roped together for safety and proceeded cautiously.*

## 2 to prevent someone from escaping by tying rope around them

► **tie up**

► **tie**

► **bind**

► **shackle**

► **tether**

**tie up** /,taɪ 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to tie someone's arms and legs with rope so that they cannot move **tie sb up/tie up sb** *The soldiers tied them up and beat them.* | *Mrs Bennett had been tied up and left in the back of the van.*

**tie** /taɪ/ [v T] to prevent a person or animal from escaping by tying them with rope etc **tie sb to sth** *The terrorists tied the hostages to their chairs.* | *Her horse was tied to a tree.* | **tie sb's hands/feet together** *The kidnappers had tied his hands together and blindfolded him.*

**bind** /baɪnd/ [v T usually in passive] to tie someone's arms, legs etc so that they cannot move at all – used in literature or in newspapers: *The hostages had been bound and gagged and left in a corner of the room.* | **bind sb hand and foot** *It was like being bound hand and foot to a torturer's chair.*

**shackle** /'ʃækəl/ [v T] to tie someone's legs or arms with a thick chain: *The prisoners were shackled together and forced to walk 600 miles across country.*

**tether** /'teðər/ [v T] to tie an animal such as a dog or horse to something, using a rope, so that it can move around but cannot walk away: *The farmer tethered a goat in the field and left it there for the day.* | **tether sth to sth** *My horse had been tethered to a post, but somehow it escaped.*

## 3 to tie a knot in something

► **tie**

► **knot**

**tie** /taɪ/ [v T] to tie a knot in a piece of string, rope, cloth etc **tie a knot in sth** *Quickly tying a knot in his tie, John finished dressing and went to work.* | **tie a knot/bow** *At school camp they taught us how to tie various knots.* | **tie the laces/tapes etc** *Pull both ends tight, tie the tapes, then inflate the life jacket.*

**knot** /nɒt||nɑ:t/ [v T] to tie a knot in something in order to fasten it: *He tied the rope to the tree, knotted it, and attached the other end to his car.* | **knot sth around sth** *Britt casually knotted a silk scarf around her neck.*

## 4 to untie something

► **undo**

► **untie**

► **disentangle**

**undo** /ʌn'du:/ [v T] to remove the string or rope from something so that it is no longer held together: *I can't undo the string!* | *She undid the ribbon and let her hair fall over her shoulders.*

**untie** /ʌn'taɪ/ [v T] to remove or unfasten the string or rope that joins one thing to another: *Someone had untied the boat and it had floated away.* | *It was several hours before anyone found me and untied me.*

**disentangle** /,dɪsɪ'n'tæŋɡəl/ [v T] to untie a group of wires, ropes etc that have all been mixed together: *The balls of wool were all mixed up, and I couldn't disentangle them.*



# tight

## RELATED WORDS

- opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **loose**
- ▶ to hold something tightly *see* **hold (2)**
  - ▶ ways of saying that clothes do not fit *see* **fit/not fit**
  - ▶ *see also* **attach, fasten/unfasten**

## 1 tight clothes

- ▶ **tight**
- ▶ **skintight**
- ▶ **tight-fitting/close-fitting**

**tight** /tɑ:t/ [adj] **tight** clothes or shoes are only just big enough for you to wear, and they are often uncomfortable: *This skirt is far too tight.* | *Tight shoes can cause corns and other foot problems.* | *I never wear tight clothes – I just don't feel comfortable in them.*

**skintight** /'skɪntaɪt/ [adj] **skintight** clothes are very tight and fit exactly to the shape of your body, especially in a way that looks sexually attractive: *Suzy was wearing a sleeveless skintight dress and sandals.* | *a pair of skintight jeans*

**tight-fitting/close-fitting** /,tɑ:t 'fɪtɪŋ, 'kləʊs 'fɪtɪŋ/ [adj] **tight-fitting** or **close-fitting** clothes are deliberately made to be tight when they are worn: *Standing next to him was a small, thin woman in a close-fitting black suit.* | *The diver's wet suit should be tight-fitting, yet allow reasonable freedom of movement.*

## 2 when a rope, wire etc has been pulled or stretched tight

- ▶ **tight**
- ▶ **taut**

**tight** /tɑ:t/ [adj] rope, wire, cloth etc that is **tight** has been pulled or stretched as far as possible so that it is straight or it cannot move: *If the straps aren't tight enough, the saddle can slip.* | *'Seat belt tight? Good, this could be a rough ride.'* — **tightly** [adv] **tightly wrapped** *Sylvia handed me a large parcel, tightly wrapped in brown paper.*

**taut** /tɔ:t/ [adj] written stretched very tight: *The skin of his face felt dry and taut.* | *He massaged the taut muscles of her neck.* | *A single strand of taut barbed wire was strung along the top of the garden wall.*

## 3 fastened tight

- ▶ **tight**
- ▶ **securely**
- ▶ **firmly**
- ▶ **fast**

**tight** /tɑ:t/ [adj] a screw, lid, cover etc that is **tight** has been firmly fixed and is difficult to move: *Check that the screws are tight.* | *Cover with a tight lid and refrigerate.*

**firmly** /'fɜ:rmli/ [adv] if something is **firmly** closed or fixed, it has been closed or fixed so that it cannot move: *The posts must be fixed firmly in the ground.* | *When leaving the house, check that all doors and windows are firmly closed and locked.*

**securely** /sɪ'kjʊərli/ [adv] if something is **securely** fastened or fixed, it has been carefully fastened or fixed so that it will not move or open and cause an accident: *We made sure that our bags were securely fastened to the roof of the car.* | *A large safety screen, securely fixed to the wall, will prevent a child coming into contact with a fire.*

**fast** /fɑ:st||fæst/ [adv] if something is held, stuck, or tied **fast** it is held, stuck, or tied so tightly that it cannot be moved at all: *The front of the boat was stuck fast in the mud.* | *The spare tyre on the back of the Jeep was held fast by three strong bolts.*

## 4 to make something tight

- ▶ **tighten**
- ▶ **stretch**
- ▶ **pull sth tight**

**tighten** /'taɪtn/ [v T] to make something tight, either by fastening it firmly so that it cannot move, or by pulling it until it is tight **tighten a screw/bolt** (=by turning it) *Tighten the screws gradually until the wheel is firmly in place.* | *He changed the spanner for one the correct size and tightened the nut.* | **tighten a rope/belt/string etc** *I think the fan belt needs to be tightened.*

**pull sth tight** /,pʊl (sth) 'taɪt/ [v phrase] to pull a string, rope etc hard, so that it becomes tight: *Brian wrapped some string round the parcel and pulled it tight.* | *She buttoned her jacket all the way up and pulled the collar tight around her neck.*

**stretch** /stretʃ/ [v T] to pull a piece of rope, cloth, rubber etc so that it becomes tight, making it slightly longer than it normally is: *Seth stretched the phone cord around the corner so that he could speak in private.* | **stretch sth over/between etc sth** *He stretched a large tarpaulin over the vehicle, tying it down at the corners.*

# time

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ to continue for a period of time *see* **last**
- ▶ to spend time doing something *see* **spend money/time**
- ▶ free time *see* **time (10-11)**
- ▶ to happen or arrive on time *see* **on time**
- ▶ *see also* **future, past, now, free time, temporary**

## WHAT'S HERE

- **what time is it?** *see* **1 to 2**
- **time when sth happens** *see* **3 to 6**
- **how long** *see* **7 to 8**
- **short time/long time** *see* **9 to 11**
- **period of time** *see* **12 to 13**
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- **same time** *see* **16 to 18**
- **to have enough time** *see* **19 to 21**
- **time passes** *see* **22 to 24**

## what time is it?

### 1 when you ask what time it is

- ▶ **ask (sb) the time/ask (sb) what time it is**
- ▶ **what time is it?**
- ▶ **have you got the time?**
- ▶ **what time do you make it?**



**ask (sb) the time/ask (sb) what time it is** /,ɑːsk (sb) ðə 'taɪm, ,ɑːsk (sb) wɒt 'taɪm ɪt ɪz/, æsk-/ [v phrase] to ask someone to tell you the time: *She was walking home near Colbayns School when a man approached her and asked her the time.* | *She was distracted for a moment by someone asking the time.* | *Go and ask Dad what time it is.* | *If you've got a watch, why are you asking what time it is?*

**what time is it?** ALSO **what's the time?** British /wɒt 'taɪm ɪz ɪt, ,wɒts ðə 'taɪm/ spoken say this to ask someone you are with to tell you the time: *'What time is it?' 'Just after four o'clock.'* | *What's the time? Is it after 10?*

**have you got the time?** British /do you have the time? American /,hæv juː gɒt ðə 'taɪm/-gɑːt-, duː juː ,hæv ðə 'taɪm/ spoken say this to ask someone the time, when you do not know whether they have a watch: *Sorry to trouble you, but do you have the time?* | **have the right time** *Does anyone have the right time here?* | **have the time on you** British *Excuse me! Have you got the right time on you please?*

**what time do you make it?** British /what time do you have? American /wɒt 'taɪm duː juː ,meɪk ɪt, wɒt 'taɪm duː juː ,hæv/ spoken say this when you are asking someone who has a watch, especially because you think your own watch may be wrong: *What time do you make it, Emma? My watch has stopped.* | *What time do you have, Dave? I don't want to miss my plane.*

## 2 ways of saying what time it is

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| ▶ <b>o'clock</b>           | ▶ <b>past</b>                |
| ▶ <b>just before/after</b> | ▶ <b>it's getting on for</b> |
| ▶ <b>to</b>                | ▶ <b>bang/dead on</b>        |

**o'clock** /ə'klɒk/ə'klɔːk/ [adv] use this when the time is exactly a particular hour: *It's 5 o'clock.* | *It's exactly 10 o'clock.*

**just before/after** ALSO **just gone** British /'dʒʌst bɪfɔːr, ,ɑːftər/-æf-, 'dʒʌst gɒn/-gɔːn/ [prep] use this when the time is a little before or after a particular hour: *It's just before 6.* | *It's just after 10 o'clock.* | *It's just gone midnight.* (=just after)

**to** ALSO **of** American /tuː, ɒv/ [prep] use this to say that the time is a particular number of minutes before a particular hour: *It's ten to six.* | *It doesn't get dark until about twenty to ten.* | *It's a quarter of eleven.* | *Joe, by the ten of eight you're going upstairs and that's only about a half hour from now.*

**past** ALSO **after** American /pɑːst/pæst, ,ɑːftər/-æf-/ use this to say that the time is a particular number of minutes after a particular hour: *It's quarter past four.* | *It's ten after five.* | *It's quarter after eight, and Laurie's showing up at nine.* | *It's half past two.*

**it's getting on for** /ɪts ,getɪŋ 'ɒn fɔːr/ British use this to say that it is almost a particular time, especially when you are guessing what time it might be: *It's getting on for five o'clock.* | *I should think it's getting on for ten by now.*

**bang/dead on** /'bæŋ, 'ded ɒn/ [adv] British informal use this to say that it is exactly a particular time: *'What time is it?' 'Bang on midnight.'* | *I make it dead on half past by my watch.* | *We finished bang on eight, and we were back home by nine.*

## time when sth happens

### 3 a time when something happens

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| ▶ <b>time</b>     | ▶ <b>moment/point</b> |
| ▶ <b>occasion</b> |                       |

**time** /taɪm/ [n C] a time when someone does something or something happens – use this especially to talk about something that happens more than once: *Do you remember that time Tim got really drunk at Sarah's party?* | *Play it really loud this time.* | **the only/same/last etc time** *The last time we ate meat was at Thanksgiving.* | *The only time I've seen him with a girl was that party at Mike's place.* | *Give us a call next time you're in town.* | *That was around the same time that I met Linda.* | **the first/second/third etc time** *Is this the first time you've played pool?* | *Sandra, that's the third time I've asked you to keep quiet.* | *Alex won the 100 metres for the fifth time in a row* (=he won five times, and no one else won the race in between). | **four/six/several etc times** *This is my favourite film – I've seen it five times.* | *It's silly – I've met him several times, but I can never remember his name.* | **a number of times** formal (=use this to say something happened several times) *She's been to Greece a number of times.* | *I've heard Jessie play a number of times, and I think he's great.* | **every/each time** *Every time I met her, she asked me about the children.* | **time when** *Do you remember the time when Dad lost the car keys?*

**occasion** /ə'keɪʒən/ [n C] formal a time when something happens **on one/that etc occasion** *The witness said that on both occasions he noticed Davis because of his heavily tattooed arms.* | *On one occasion, Anna fainted while out shopping with friends.* | *She had met Zahid on a previous occasion.* | **on numerous/several occasions** (=use this to emphasize that something happened many times) *I've suggested that she should move on numerous occasions, but she never takes any notice.* | *I remember Michael sleeping in your room on several occasions and mom not knowing about it.*

**moment/point** /'məʊmənt, pɔɪnt/ [n C] an exact time when something happens, during a longer process or series of events: *The play went well, apart from one embarrassing moment when I dropped a cup.* | *At several points during the meeting, Adler threatened to walk out.* | *My most special moment with dad was when I was announced as the winner of Junior Beauty Contest.* | **moment/point in time** *At that precise moment in time, Binh walked in.*

### 4 what hour, day etc something happens

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|-----------------|------------------------------|
| ▶ <b>time</b>   | ▶ <b>at</b>                  |
| ▶ <b>date</b>   | ▶ <b>on</b>                  |
| ▶ <b>hours</b>  | ▶ <b>in</b>                  |
| ▶ <b>hour</b>   | ▶ <b>ago</b>                 |
| ▶ <b>timing</b> | ▶ <b>on/at the stroke of</b> |

**time** /taɪm/ [n C] the particular minute or hour of the day when something is planned to happen, or the particular minute or hour that it happened in the past **the time of sth** *Could I have the times of the trains to Birmingham please?* | *This leaflet lists the dates and times of all the concerts.* | *The police are still trying to establish the exact time of her death.* | **what time?** *What time did you see the man leave the bus station?* | *What time do you usually start in the mornings?* | *What time is the news on?* | **depar-**



**ture/arrival time** (=the time when a train, plane, etc leaves or arrives) *The departure times are posted on our website.* | *The plane's estimated arrival time is 19:45.* | **opening/closing time** (=the time when a shop, office etc opens or closes) *We went into a cafe and sat there until closing time.* | *I've got to get this to the video store by closing time.* | **opening times** (=the normal times when a shop is open) *Check with the museum for opening times at [www.musart.co](http://www.musart.co).* | **lunchtime/dinnertime etc** (=the time when you have a meal) *Robbie! It's suppertime!* | **time of year/day etc** *The winds are pretty strong at this time of year.* | *There won't be much traffic on the roads at this time of night.* | **by that time** (=after a particular hour of the day or night has passed) *Well, most people had gone to bed by that time of night.* | *She apologized for being late, but by that time I was really annoyed with her.*

**date** /deɪt/ [n C] the day, month, or year when something is planned to happen, or happened: *Do you know the date when the house was built?* | *We still haven't received notification of the exam date.* | **the date(s) of sth** *Give me the dates of the American War of Independence.* | *June 9th is the date of the European elections.* | **+ for** *We need to arrange a date for the next meeting.* | *A date for his release has not yet been agreed.* | **set a date (for sth)** (=choose a particular date) *Have they set a date for the wedding yet?* | **birth date/date of birth** (=the date on which someone was born) *It helps if you provide your birth date and Social Security number.* | *Could I have your name and your date of birth please?* | **start date** (=the date when something begins, especially a job) *I later received confirmation of my new job in a letter indicating the start date.* | **closing date** (=the date when a competition, offer etc ends) *The closing date for entries is 3 March 2001.* | **expiry date** British /**expiration date** American (=the date on which something can no longer be used) *Key in your credit card details, including the expiration date of the card.* | *Are you sure these yoghurts are ok? Have you checked the expiry date?* | **launch/release date** (=the date when a new product, film, etc is shown to people) *'Snow White' had a December release date to capture the Christmas market.*

**hours** /aʊəz/ [n plural] a fixed period of time in the day when a particular activity, business etc happens: *I'd like to return something to your store – what are your hours?* | **office/opening/business hours** (=when an office, shop etc is open) *Our telephone hotline is open during regular business hours.* | **visiting hours** (=when you can visit someone in the hospital) *Visiting hours are from 2 to 5 every day.* | **after hours** (=after an office, shop etc is closed) *After hours callers can leave a voicemail message.* | **out of hours** British (=before or after the usual business hours) *What was Tom doing in the office out of hours?*

**hour** /aʊər/ [n C] a particular period or point of time during the day or night **at this hour** (=very late at night or early in the morning) *Sir, I'm sorry to bother you at this hour.* | **at some ungodly hour** informal (=very late or very early) *We had to get up at some ungodly hour to catch our train.* | **at all hours** *There's something happening on our street at all hours of the day and night.* | **lunch/dinner hour** *I hate telemarketers who call during the dinner hour.*

**timing** /'taɪmɪŋ/ [n U] a word meaning the time, day, or date that something is planned to happen, used especially when you are considering how suitable this is **+ of** *The voter survey is crucial to the timing of the election.*

**at** /ət, (strong) æt/ [prep] use this with hours and minutes of the day, special holidays, or the beginning or

end of a period of time **at six o'clock/half-past four/midnight/lunchtime etc** *He starts work at 10, and finishes at 6:30.* | *Would you like to go to the sandwich bar at lunchtime?* | *I have a hospital appointment at 9.00 am.* | **at Christmas/Easter/New Year** *We get a week's holiday at Easter.* | *What are you doing at Christmas?* | **at the end/beginning/start (of sth)** *Frank joined the navy at the beginning of the war.* | *We get paid at the end of the week.* | *The students all do a short test at the start of term.*

**on** /ɒn||ɑːn, ɔːn/ [prep] use this with particular days: *The team holds a meeting on the first Monday of every month.* | *I tried to catch him on the last day of term, but he'd already left.* | **on Monday/Tuesday night/Friday evening etc** *We're going out for dinner on Friday.* | *Are you doing anything special on Saturday night?* | **on August 12th/March 2nd etc** *She was born on May 12, 1913.* | *The course starts on 14 October.* | **on my birthday/their wedding day/Valentine's day etc** *Did you call dad on Father's Day?* | *Aren't you coming here on Christmas Day?* | **on Thursdays/Fridays etc** ALSO **on a Thursday/Friday etc** British (=every Thursday, Friday etc) *Her husband takes her shopping on a Saturday to Asda.* | *We always go to the pub on Fridays.*

**in** /ɪn/ [prep] use this with parts of the day, particular years, or particular months, and seasons of the year **in the morning/afternoon/evening** *I'm usually too tired to cook a meal in the evening.* | *We didn't get to bed until 3 o'clock in the morning.* | **first thing in the morning** (=very early in the morning) *I want to be ready to leave first thing in the morning.* | **in 1892/2001 etc** *In 2004, the Olympic Games will be held in Athens.* | **in the fifties/sixties/1990s etc** (=from 1950 to 1959, 1960 to 1969 etc) *He did a lot of abstract art in the sixties, but he's moved on since then.* | **in January/February/the autumn etc** *I came to England in the summer of 1995.* | *The series returns in the autumn.* | *'How old is Philip now?' 'He's four in December'.*

**ago** /ə'gəʊ/ [adv] use this to say how far back in the past something happened **5 minutes/an hour/100 years etc ago** *Michael left the office 20 minutes ago.* | *'When did you hurt your back?' 'About a fortnight ago'.* | *My daughter was married just over a year ago.* | **a long time ago** *I met your father once, a long time ago.* | **a short time ago/a little while ago** *Did you see that program about genetics that was on a little while ago?* | **a minute/moment ago** *I had my keys a minute ago, and now I can't find them.* | **not so long ago** (=used to say that something was quite a short time ago) *We went down to see a show in London not so long ago.* | **how long ago?** (=used to ask how far back in the past something happened) *How long ago was that, Dad?* | *How long ago did you buy the computer?*

**on/at the stroke of** /ɒn, ət ðə 'strəʊk ɒv/ [prep] at exactly a particular time and not any earlier or later: *On the stroke of midnight, the British flag was lowered for the last time over Delhi.* | *The judge entered the courtroom at the stroke of nine.*

## 5 a list of times of trains, classes, or activities

- ▶ **timetable/schedule**    ▶ **timetable**
- ▶ **schedule**

**timetable** British /**schedule** American /'taɪm,teɪbəl, 'ʃedjuːl||'skedʒʊl, -dʒəl/ [n C] a list that shows the times when something will happen, for example when planes or buses leave, or when classes at school take place: *Teachers will be giving out copies*



of the new timetable in the first class today. | Train services shown in this timetable are subject to alteration or cancellation at short notice. | After I'd found my room, I sat down to look carefully at my schedule. | **bus/train etc timetable** The train schedules are all on the website now. | **TV/radio schedule** The events have been arranged to match TV schedules. | **+ of** I'd like a schedule of flights from Boston to New York.

**schedule** /'ʃedju:l||'skedʒul, -dʒəl/ [n C] a detailed plan of activities that have been organized, showing for example the times when someone will do something, or the times when activities will start and finish: *The President's schedule includes a two-day visit to St Petersburg.* | *The flight was cancelled, and that really messed our schedule up.* | **+ for** Do you have a schedule for the tour? | *What's the schedule for today's meeting?* | **according to schedule** The director was given a budget of \$10 million and so far the film seems to be going according to schedule. | **ahead of/behind schedule** (=earlier/later than the time that was planned) *I know, we're a week behind schedule already.* | **on schedule** (=at the time that was planned) *The building should be completed on schedule.* | **stick/keep to a schedule** It's important that everyone on the project keeps to the schedule. | **work/training etc schedule** Do you have a work schedule for this week, Doreen? | *Various minor ailments can interfere with your training schedule.* | **busy schedule** (=when there is a lot to do) *She took time out of a busy schedule to talk to us.* | **tight schedule** (=when there is not very much time to do things) *With this new project in the offing, I'm going to be working to a very tight schedule.*

**timetable** /'taɪm,teɪbəl/ [n C usually singular] a plan that shows when parts of an important and long process, especially a political one, will happen: *Party leaders met to discuss a new constitution and an electoral timetable.* | **+ for** *Their purpose would be to set a timetable for the conversion of British cars to low-octane fuel.* | *He gave no indication of a timetable for the approval of the changes.*

## 6 to arrange a time for something to happen

- ▶ **schedule**
- ▶ **pencil in**
- ▶ **time**

▶ see also **arrange (3-6)**

**schedule** /'ʃedju:l||'skedʒul, -dʒəl/ [v T] to arrange for an activity or event to happen at a particular time: *Monday's performance of St Matthew's Passion is scheduled to start at 7.30 pm.* | *If you schedule your practice routine to include one exercise a week, you should learn the musical scale pretty quickly.* | **schedule sth for tomorrow/next week/Dec 4 etc** *I've scheduled a meeting for tomorrow. I hope everyone can attend.* | *The first game is provisionally scheduled for January 26.*

**time** /taɪm/ [v T] to arrange for an activity or event to happen at a particular time, especially because this is the most suitable or convenient time: *The meditation class will be timed so that it does not coincide with the noisier exercise classes.* | *The release of the document was shrewdly timed.* | **time sth for 12 noon/12.45 etc** *Stephen timed his arrival for exactly six o'clock.* | *The first track race is timed for 11.15.*

**pencil in** /,pensəl 'ɪn/ [phr v T] to arrange a time for something to happen, especially when you may want to change this later **pencil in sth** *Political commentators are pencilling in July 30th, August 6th or August 13th as possible election dates.* | **pencil sth in**

*we'll pencil May 15 in as a reserve date.* | **pencil sth in for Dec 4/next week etc** *Greg's pencilled the sale in for December 15.* | *The band are pencilled in for a show in the King's Hall on January 18.*

## how long

### 7 how long something continues

- ▶ **how long**
- ▶ **for**
- ▶ **since**
- ▶ **until**
- ▶ **from ... until**
- ▶ **from ... to ...**
- ▶ **through**
- ▶ **Monday-Friday/6:00-8:00**

**how long** /haʊ 'lɒŋ||'lɔːŋ/ use this to ask about or talk about how many minutes, hours, days, or years something continues for: *How long have you been waiting?* | *I don't know how long the repair will last, but it should get you home.* | *How long are you going to be in the bathroom?* | *How long have you two known each other?* | *So how long did you live on Long Island?*

**for** /fəː, (strong) fɔː/ [prep] use this to say how long something continues **for an hour/two days/a long time etc** *'How long did you live in Spain?' 'Oh, for about three years.'* | *We seem to have been waiting for ages.* | *We talked for a while.* | *Omar's been learning English for two years now.* | *I only worked there for three months.*

**since** /sɪns/ [prep/conjunction/adv] all the time from a time or event in the past until now: *I've had this car since 1992.* | *I've been smoking since I was 14.* | *Graham's become a lot more confident since he finished his training.* | *I saw her this morning, but I haven't seen her since.* | **ever since** *Jack has had a fascination with cars ever since he was four.* | *They bought the caravan last summer, and they've had trouble with it ever since.*

**until** ALSO **till** especially spoken /ʌn'tɪl, tɪl/ [prep/conjunction] if something happens **until** or **till** a time or event, it continues and then stops at that time or event: *David worked as a teacher until 1989.* | *I'll be at home until 5.30 if you want to phone me.* | *She polished the car until it shone.* | *I didn't learn to drive until I was 31.* | *The library's only open till five on Saturdays.* | *Just wait till I've finished my coffee.*

**from ... until** ALSO **from ... till ...** especially spoken /frəm ... ʌn'tɪl, frəm ... tɪl/ [prep/conjunction] use this to say that something starts happening at one time or event and continues until another time or event: *I have a class Monday from five o'clock till eight o'clock at night.* | *I lived there from the age of 14 until I went to college.* | *Max edited the paper from 1950 until he retired in 1989.*

**from ... to ...** /frəm ... tə .../ [prep] use this to say that something starts at a particular time and stops at a later time **from May to September/from 9 am to 5 pm etc** *Eisenhower was President from 1952 to 1956.* | *I'm going to use the computer lab from eight to ten Friday morning.* | *My plan is to train seriously from January to July.*

**through** /θruː/ [prep] American **May through September/Monday through Friday etc** starting in May and continuing until September, starting on Monday and continuing until and including Friday, etc: *The store is open Monday through Saturday.* | *'When will you be away?' 'The 17th through the 19th.'*

**Monday-Friday/6:00-8:00** /,mʌndi tə 'fraɪdi, sɪks tə 'eɪt/ written starting on Monday and continuing until and including Friday, starting at 6 o'clock



and continuing until 8 o'clock etc – used on signs and notices: *Visit the exhibition of modern art, open every day, 9:30-6:00.* | *A special fishing licence is required for the season (May-September).*

## 8 the period of time that something lasts or takes

- ▶ length of time
- ▶ duration
- ▶ time scale

**length of time** /ˌlɛŋθ əv 'taɪm/ [n phrase] a considerable/reasonable length of time *The noise went on for a considerable length of time.* | *Make sure that the speakers only talk for a reasonable length of time, so that everyone gets a chance to take part.* | + (that) *Dress the wound quickly, to reduce the length of time it is exposed to infection.* | **the length of time it takes to do sth** Typically, the length of time it takes an adult to fall asleep is 10 to 15 minutes.

**duration** /dʒʊ'reɪʃən/dʊ-/ [n U] formal the length of time that something lasts for: *Zoe's temper tantrums had increased both in volume and duration.* | **two years'/a month's etc duration** After a long voyage of two years' duration, he arrived in Canton in 1669. | *These workshops, usually of one or two days' duration, bring teachers and industrial managers together.* | + of *The doctor will ask you about the duration and frequency of your headaches.* | *He refused to comment on his salary or the duration of his contract.* | **for the duration (of sth)** It was decided that we would stay with my cousins for the duration of the war.

**time scale** /'taɪm skeɪl/ [n C] the period of time during which something develops or exists, especially as compared with another period that is much longer or shorter: *Compared to how long it took for the Universe to evolve, our human time scale is tiny.* | *Carbon dioxide is removed from the atmosphere by a number of processes that operate on different time scales.* | *In today's computer industry, the whole time scale of new product development is far shorter than it was 10 years ago.*

## short time/long time

### 9 a short time

- ▶ a minute/moment
- ▶ a second
- ▶ not long
- ▶ a bit
- ▶ a little/short while
- ▶ a short/brief space of time

▶ see also **short (9-10)**

**a minute/moment** /ə 'mɪnɪt, 'məʊmənt/ [n singular] a very short time: *Can I show you something? It'll only take a minute.* | *Luke thought for a moment and then said: 'Would you like to come too?'* | *Can you turn that off a minute (=for a minute)?* | **in a minute/moment** Yes, I'm coming in a moment. | **a minute/moment ago** Helen was here a minute ago. *You've just missed her.* | **for a minute/moment** If you'd been quiet for a minute, I'd explain what happened.

**a second** ALSO **a sec** informal /ə 'sekənd, ə 'sek/ [n singular] spoken a very short time – use this especially when asking someone to wait for a short time: *Just a second – I think it's on the desk upstairs.* | **for a second/sec** For a second there, I forgot what it was called. | **in a second/sec** Hang on, I'll be with you in a sec.

**not long** /nɒt 'lɒŋ/-'lɔːŋ/ [n phrase] a short time: *'How long will it take?' 'Oh, not long – just a couple of hours.'* | *I saw her not long ago.* | **not long before/after** His book was published not long after he died. | *It wasn't long before Gemma lost all interest in the new puppy.* | **not long to go** (=used to say that something will happen in a short time) *'When's the baby due?' 'Three weeks, so there's not long to go.'* | **won't be long** (=use this to say that someone or something will come or return soon) *I'm popping to the shop, I won't be long.* | *Supper won't be long.*

**a bit** /ə 'bɪt/ [n singular] especially British, spoken a short time: *Wait a bit, I've nearly finished.* | *I sat down, and after a bit, the phone rang.* | *Do you mind looking after the kids for a bit while I go out?*

**a little/short while** /ə 'lɪtl, ʃɔːrt 'waɪl/ [n singular] a short period of time, during or after which something happens: *Bob's only worked here for a short while, about six months I think.* | *It always takes a little while to get used to the climate.* | **a little/short while ago** He was on the telly a short while ago.

**a short/brief space of time** /ə ʃɔːrt, 'brɪf speɪs əv 'taɪm/ [n phrase] a short period of time during which a lot of things happen **in/within a short space of time** It's amazing how much you can learn in such a short space of time. | *In the brief space of time since the war ended, citizens have managed to rebuild over half the city.* | *She had gained an awful lot of journalistic experience within a short space of time.*

### 10 a long time

- ▶ a long time
- ▶ long
- ▶ all day/night/year/week
- ▶ hours/weeks/years
- ▶ ages
- ▶ donkey's years/ages
- ▶ the longest time

▶ see also **long (6-13)**

**a long time** /ə 'lɒŋ 'taɪm/-'lɔːŋ-/ They've been married for 30 years – that's a long time. | *It takes me a long time to really trust people.* | **for a long time** The house has been empty for a long time. | *Have you been waiting here for a long time?* | **in a long time** It's the worst cold I've had in a long time. | *I haven't worn this dress in such a long time.* | **a long time ago** He died a long time ago. | *The accident happened such a long time ago that I can't remember much about it.* | **a very long time/a long, long time** I've had those books for a long, long time. | *It's very well built and should last a very long time.*

**long** /lɒŋ/lɔːŋ/ [adv] It has long been recognized that a high-fat diet can cause heart problems. | *She's convinced that Grandmother is not going to live long.* | *The journey took longer than I thought it would.* | **long before/after** (=a long time before/after) Long after the war, the wreckage of his plane was discovered. | *She was wearing fake fur long before it became fashionable.* | **for long** (=for a long time) *Have you been working here for long?* | *The phone rang for so long, I hung up in the end.* | **long ago** I guess it didn't happen very long ago. | **take (sb) so long** Why is it taking so long? | *I bet it doesn't take your mom so long to make an apple pie.*

**all day/night/year/week** /ɔːl 'deɪ, 'naɪt, 'jɪə, 'wiːk/ [adv] continuing for the whole day, night, year etc – use this especially to emphasize that it is a long time: *It's going to take us all night to finish marking these papers!* | *He's in London all week, and only comes home at the weekends.* | **all day/week etc long** I've been working all day long. | *Susie, you must have been on the phone all night long!*



**hours/weeks/years** /aʊərz, wi:kz, jiərz/ many hours, weeks, or years – use this to emphasize the length of time, or to say that it is much longer than you think it should be: *It's years since I rode a bike.* | *My wife had to wait months for a hospital appointment.* | **for years/hours etc** *I lived there for years.* | **in years/hours etc** *That's one of the best films I've seen in years.*

**ages** /'eidʒɪz/ [n plural] especially British, spoken a very long time: *It seems like ages since we had a holiday.* | **take (sb) ages** *This software takes ages to load.* | *It took him ages to guess who it was in the photo.* | **for ages** *I've been waiting here for ages.* | **ages ago** *'When did you last see Barbara?' 'Oh, ages ago.'* | **ages and ages** (=use this to emphasize how long something takes or lasts) *It's the first time for ages and ages he's taken me out.*

**donkey's years/ages** /'dɒŋkɪz jiərz/ [n phrase] British informal a long time, use this especially to say that something happened a very long time ago **for donkey's years/ages** *Some of these medicines have been in the stockroom for donkey's years.* | *That's been going on for donkey's ages – didn't you know?* | **donkey's years/ages ago** *We used to play golf together, but that was donkey's years ago.*

**the longest time** /ðə ˌlɒŋgɪst 'taɪm/ [adv] American a very long time: *It took me the longest time to figure out how to work the sunroof in this car.* | *For the longest time, I thought Nathan was Asian.*

## 11 a fairly long time

### ▶ a while

**a while** ALSO **some time** formal /ə 'waɪl, sʌm 'taɪm/ a fairly long time: *He was furious, and it took him a while to calm down.* | *It may be some time before the company starts to make a profit.* | **for a while/for some time** *We hadn't seen him for a while, and he'd completely changed.* | *I've known Paul for some time, and I'm sure he wouldn't have said that.* | **after a while/after some time** *After a while, I realized what he meant.* | *Not a single vehicle passed, but after some time they heard the roar of planes taking off at the airfield.* | **quite a while/quite some time** *When she left school, it was quite a while before she found a job.* | *I stayed in the Stage Coach Inn, but it's been quite some time ago.* | **a while since/some time since** *It's been a while since we last heard from Jo.* | *The team has spent some time since their last defeat on new tactics.* | **a while ago/some time ago** *The cafe was taken over a while ago.* | *We arranged the meeting some time ago – were you not informed?*

## period of time

## 12 a period of time

### ▶ period

### ▶ time

### ▶ term

### ▶ season

### ▶ stretch

### ▶ stint

### ▶ spell

### ▶ a bad patch

**period** /'piəriəd/ [n C] especially written a particular length of time with a beginning and an end + **of** *These accounts are drawn up for a period of 52 weeks.* | *After a brief period of independence, Belorussia came under Soviet rule.* | **for a period** *You shouldn't sit in front of a computer screen for long periods without a break.* | *Anne had difficulty holding down a job for any period of time.* | **period of time** *The work had to be completed within a limited period*

*of time.* | **long/short period** *The company expects a growth in profitability over a longer period.* | *Then, within a short period, his mother, father, and brother all died.* | **a ten-day/three-year etc period** *The money can be paid back over a five-year period.* | *The researchers observed mothers and their new infants for a three-day period.* | **over a period** *The restoration of the ceiling was completed over a period of two years.* | **during a period** *During this period, Tanya was making very little money.* | *black immigration into Britain during the post-war period*

**time** /taɪm/ [n singular] a period of **time** – use this especially to talk about a period in the past, or when you are not saying whether the period was long or short: *Bill had lost his job, and it was a difficult time for him.* | *I really enjoyed my time at university.* | **at one time** (=at a period of time in the past, but not now) *At one time, Hakami was ranked 32nd in the world.* | *Martin had been at one time a student at Leiden University in the Netherlands.* | **for the time being** (=for a short period of time, starting now) *You can stay in the spare room for the time being, until you find a place.* | *Entrance fees to the exhibit have been reduced for the time being.* | **during that/this time** *He played for Barcelona for four years, and during that time they won two major competitions.* | **for a time** *He chatted to us for a time, then left.* | *For a time, the 1,600 seater hall was home to a Saturday night film show, before being converted to a night club.* | **after a time** *After a time, I began to feel more relaxed.* | *All systems settle down after a time.*

**term** /tɜːm/ [n C] a length of time that is officially fixed for someone's period of responsibility or power, for someone's period in prison, or for a business contract: *Mr Toplak had just started his term as vice-president of the company.* | *The Socialists are hoping to secure another term in government.* | *The bank says that they can extend the term of our mortgage.* | **first/second etc term** *General Herrera was elected to a third term of office as President.* | *He hopes to visit China during his second term in office.* | **7-year/2-month etc term** *He recently completed a two-year term as chairman.* | **term of imprisonment** (=formal) *Political dissidents are sentenced to long terms of imprisonment.* | **prison/jail term** *She had her jail term cut for good behaviour.* | **term of/in office** (=term for holding an official position) *He is halfway into his term of office.* | *The Democrats are hoping to deny him a third term in office.* | **fixed term** (=when the term of a business or employment contract is set to a particular length) *The managers were all hired for a fixed term.* | **serve a term** *Malik is now serving a three-year term in prison.* | *Elected members of the House of Assembly serve a six-year term.*

**season** /'siːzən/ [n C] a period of several weeks or months, at the same time every year, during which a particular activity takes place: *The Bulls would consider re-signing him next season.* | **the 2001/2001-02 etc season** *Smith should own the record outright by the third or fourth game of the 2001 season.* | **breeding/hunting/fishing/baseball etc season** *When does the baseball season start?* | *Foxes become very noisy at the height of the mating season.* | *The latest challenge is to promote the LSO's winter concert season.*

**stretch** /stretʃ/ [n C] a period of time between other periods, especially one during which there is not much activity or no interruptions: *During their worst stretch of 1996, the Padres lost 19 of their 23 games.* | *He spent several brief stretches in jail for minor offences.* | *This is the last game in a four-day stretch here at the Forum.* | **stretch of time** *Sometimes between battles, there were long stretches of time when nothing happened.*



**stint** /stɪnt/ [n C] informal a period of time doing a particular job or course, often quite a short period: *After a stint in the army, Bill worked in sales.* | *Krem began his career with the Victoria Symphony, followed by stints with orchestras in Winnipeg and Quebec.* | + **of** *Dimascio was promoted after serving a stint of five years as a sergeant pilot.* | **a five-year/six-day etc stint** *He has changed his schedule to a three-day stint, which starts Friday.* | **short/brief stint** *Rick was fired in August after a brief stint with a Portland courier service.* | **do/serve a stint** *She served a two-year stint as an aide to Congressman Jim McNulty.* | *We should thank Mary for the long stint she's done as party treasurer.*

**spell** /spel/ [n C] a period of a particular type of activity, weather etc, usually a short period: *After a brief spell in the army, I returned to teaching.* | + **of** *He's had a spell of bad luck recently.* | **a cold/wet/dry etc spell** *We had another cold spell last week.*

**a bad patch** /ə 'bæd ,pætʃ/ [n phrase] British a short period of trouble, difficulty, or unhappiness, experienced by someone who is usually happy, successful etc **go through a bad patch** (=experience a period of trouble etc) *He went through a bad patch after his wife died, but now he seems to be back to normal.* | **hit a bad patch** (=start to experience a period of trouble etc) *The team aren't doing so well at the moment are they? They seem to have hit a bad patch.*

### 13 a period of time in history

- ▶ period
- ▶ age
- ▶ era

**period** /'piəriəd/ [n C] a particular period of time in history, especially a period that is studied as a historical subject: *Which period of history are you studying at the moment?* | *We will be examining some original documents from the period.* | **the Roman/Tudor etc period** *Many of Britain's roads were built originally in the Roman period.* | *This chapter will focus primarily on the Neolithic period in Europe.*

**era** /'iərə/ [n C] a period of time in history that is remembered because of important political, religious, or artistic events and achievements, that make it different from other periods + **in/of an exciting era in technological sophistication** | *We live in an era of breathtaking change.* | **end of an era** *When Charles De Gaulle died, it seemed like the end of an era.* | **a new era** *The treaty marks the dawn of a new era in East-West relations.* | **the Roman/Christian/Stalin/McCarthy etc era** *archaeological remains dating from the late Roman era* | *During the McCarthy era, hundreds of innocent US citizens were persecuted for their beliefs.*

**age** /eɪdʒ/ [n C] a period of time in history that represents a particular stage in the development of civilization or machines and tools + **of** *Newton lived in an age of exploration and discovery.* | *In this age of the Internet, finding a job can be much easier.* | **Stone Age/Nuclear Age etc** *These simple tools were used for hunting in the Stone Age.* | *the architecture of the industrial age* | **golden age** (=the period considered to be the best, the most successful etc) *Many consider the '30s and '40s to be the golden age of Hollywood movies.*

## right time/wrong time

### 14 the right time or a good time to do something

- ▶ the right time
- ▶ a good time
- ▶ come at the right time/come at a good time
- ▶ be the time
- ▶ timing
- ▶ timely
- ▶ well-timed
- ▶ an opportune moment/time

**the right time** /ðə ,raɪt 'taɪm/ [n phrase] the best time to do something, when you are most likely to get the result that you want: *Yes, I'm going to ask him – I'm just waiting for the right time.* | + **to do sth** *It seemed like the right time to start planning something new.* | *I don't think it's the right time to tell Jeff.* | **the right time of day/year** *If you get here at the right time of day, you might get to see the birds feeding.* | *This really isn't the right time of the year to start working on the house.*

**a good time** /ə ,ɡʊd 'taɪm/ [n phrase] a suitable or convenient time: *I'd like to come on Saturday – would that be a good time?* | + **for** *11 o'clock would be quite a good time for me, if you can make it.* | + **to do sth** *Now is a good time to start applying for jobs.* | *Right after the Easter break is a good time to visit Florida.* | *I'll be here all day Friday, so when would be a good time to meet?*

**come at the right time/come at a good time** /kʌm ət ðə ,raɪt 'taɪm, kʌm ət ə ,ɡʊd 'taɪm/ [n phrase] if something comes at the right time or comes at a good time, it happens when you need or want it to happen: *I lost my job last month, so this offer has come at just the right time.* | *Well, you're news comes at a good time, Helen.*

**be the time** /bi: ðə 'taɪm/ [v phrase] an expression meaning to be the right time to do something important, use this especially when you are advising someone what they should do + **to do sth** *If you're going to buy a house, now's the time to do it.* | + **for** *The reason I'm saying 'no' is because right now is not the time for making a mess in here.*

**timing** /'taɪmɪŋ/ [n U] the ability to choose the right time to do something, especially when this is a skill you have learned or practised: *When you're a comedian, timing is very important.* | *He eventually played in another 28 games, but his timing and rhythm never returned.* | **good/perfect etc timing** *'Well, life's just full of surprises,' she retorted, with a comic's perfect timing.* | *You guys have good timing, we just started to eat.* | **sense of timing** (=the ability to choose the right time to do something, especially when this is a natural ability that you have) *Even at the end, George Burns never lost his impeccable sense of timing.*

**timely** /'taɪmli/ [adj] actions, decisions etc that are timely happen at the right time, especially with the result that they prevent something bad from happening: *The Government's intervention was timely and may have prevented economic disaster.* | *The database will provide timely and accurate information on the current status of the business.* | *The fighting in the Ardennes came as a timely reminder that the West still needed the Russian army.*

**well-timed** /wel 'taɪmd/ [adj] done at the right time so that it is likely to have a successful result: *She took a sip of water during a well-timed pause, and waited for my reply.* | *Wallace made a well-timed run through the midfield, collected the pass and*



scored with a low shot. | *The conference is well timed since most companies will have their third-quarter profits in by now.*

**an opportune moment/time** /ən ˈpɒtjuːn 'məʊmənt, 'taɪm-ˌɑːpɔːtuːn-/ [n phrase] formal a time when you are most likely to be successful, or a time which is convenient: *For those who are waiting for the most opportune time to invest in a home, this is an excellent time to do that.* | *This seemed like an opportune moment to ask the government to mount a tree-planting program.*

## 15 the wrong time or a bad time for something

- ▶ **the wrong time**
- ▶ **a bad time/not a good time**
- ▶ **come at a bad time/come at the wrong time/not come at a good time**
- ▶ **be no time/not be the time**
- ▶ **badly timed/ill-timed**
- ▶ **an inopportune moment/time**

**the wrong time** /dɒ ˌrɒŋ 'taɪm-ˌrɔːŋ-/ [n phrase] a time when you should not do something, because you will probably not be successful: *It's a case of the right idea at the wrong time.* | **+ to do sth** *I think this is the wrong time to ask for a pay increase.* | *It seemed like the wrong time in my life to risk making yet another major change.*

**a bad time/not a good time** /ə ˌbæd 'taɪm, nɒt ə ˌɡʊd 'taɪm/ [n phrase] a time when something is not convenient or likely to be successful or that will cause problems: *I really would like to come, but I'm afraid this is a bad time.* | **to do sth** *If it's not a good time to talk, I can call back.*

**come at a bad time/come at the wrong time/not come at a good time** /kʌm ət ə ˌbæd 'taɪm, kʌm ət dɒ ˌrɒŋ 'taɪm-ˌrɔːŋ-, nɒt kʌm ət ə ˌɡʊd 'taɪm/ [v phrase] to happen at a time when something is not likely to be successful or that will cause problems: *These economic problems have come at the wrong time for the Republican Party.* | *The widening trade gap is coming at a bad time for the president.* | *The COE's resignation has not come at a good time for the company.*

**be no time/not be the time** /biː ˌnəʊ 'taɪm, nɒt biː dɒ 'taɪm/ [v phrase] an expression meaning to be the wrong time to do something, use this especially when you are telling someone what they should do or how they should behave **+ for** *This is no time for that kind of talk.* | *If you can't be decent, keep your mouth shut.* | *It's not the time for politeness and etiquette when there are lives at stake.* | **+ to do sth** *This was not the time to get angry, but Jodie couldn't help herself.*

**badly timed/ill-timed** /ˌbædli 'taɪmd, ɪl 'taɪmd-/ [adj] done at the wrong time so that it is likely to have an unsuccessful result: *Wilkins' outburst could not have been more ill-timed.* | *Resentment over the chairman's badly timed remarks is growing.* | *The gesture was sincere, but ill-timed.*

**an inopportune moment/time** /ən ɪnˌpɒtjuːn 'məʊmənt, 'taɪm-ˌɪnɑːpɔːtuːn-/ [n phrase] formal a bad time, especially because it is inconvenient: *He had wanted to visit the troops over Christmas, but the general said it would be an inopportune time.* | *He always seems to say exactly the wrong thing at the most inopportune moment.*

## same time

### 16 at the same time

- ▶ **at the same time**
- ▶ **together**
- ▶ **at once**
- ▶ **at one time**
- ▶ **simultaneously**

**at the same time** /ət ðə ˌseɪm 'taɪm/ [adv] *Charlie and I arrived at the same time.* | *Are you supposed to press these two buttons at the same time?* | *We've launched an appeal, and at the same time we are sending out supplies, shelters, and blankets.* | **+ as** *His wife had a baby at the same time as Elaine.* | *You must have been at Harvard at the same time as I was.* | **all at the same time** (=when you do several things at the same time) *So you want to talk to them, identify that they are a candidate, and then give them the test all at the same time?*

**together** /təˈɡeðər/ [adv] if two or more people or things do the same thing **together**, they do it at the same time and usually in the same place: *The Baltimore and Boston trains came in together.* | *Three runners crossed the line together.*

**at once** /ət ˈwʌns/ [adv] if two or more things happen **at once**, they happen at the same time and this is annoying or causes problems: *I can't understand what you're saying when you both talk at once.* | *You're trying to do too many things at once.* | *Anyone know the answer? Don't all shout at once, put your hand up.* | **all at once** *You can't have three weeks' holiday all at once, you'll have to take them separately.*

**at one time** /ət ˌwʌn 'taɪm/ [adv] if someone does two or more things **at one time**, they do them at the same time, especially if this is difficult or impressive: *This word processor allows you to work with two documents at one time.* | *There aren't many places around here where you can cater for fifty or so people at one time.* | *You feel like you are going in twelve different directions at one time.* | **all at one time** *See, I can lock the doors all at one time.*

**simultaneously** /ˌsɪməl'teɪniəsli, saɪ-/ [adv] if two or more things happen **simultaneously**, they happen at exactly the same time: *The system can simultaneously search up to 16 databases.* | *People can't write and listen simultaneously.* | *Videoconferencing enables us to address audiences all over the nation simultaneously.*

### 17 while something else is happening

- ▶ **while**
- ▶ **meanwhile**
- ▶ **as**

**while** ALSO **whilst** British /waɪl, waɪlst/ [conjunction] during the same period of time that something is happening: *I bought a magazine while I was waiting for the train.* | *Did you get a lot of work done whilst the kids were out?* | *I'll just make a phone call while you finish the dishes.* | *He was afraid he'd have another fit whilst he was driving.*

**meanwhile** /ˈmiːnwaɪl/ [adv] while something else is happening: *Leave the vegetables to simmer, and meanwhile bring a large pot of water to a boil.* | *Three helicopters scanned the area; the soldiers meanwhile were looking into back gardens, dustbins, and under hedgerows.*

**as** /əz, (strong) æz/ [conjunction] if something happens **as** something else is happening, it happens at the



same time: As we were leaving, Carole and her friends arrived. | There was a shocked silence as he spoke. | The sensor uses an infrared beam to 'read' a vehicle's exhaust emissions as it drives past. | **just as** (=at exactly the same time as) He ran into the road just as a car was coming. | The phone rang just as he stepped out of the shower. | **as soon as** As soon as I pulled in, the engine went dead. | I fell asleep as soon as my head hit the pillow.

## 18 to happen or do things at the same time

- ▶ coincide
- ▶ clash
- ▶ tie in with
- ▶ juggle

**coincide** /ˌkəʊɪn'saɪd/ [v I] if something **coincides** with something else, or if two things **coincide**, they happen at the same time as each other, usually by chance: When our vacations coincided, we often holidayed together. | **+ with** His speech coincided with the release of a report on the New England economy. | I had to cancel our lunch date, as it coincided with my hospital appointment. | **timed/arranged to coincide** (=arranged so that something coincides) The exhibition was timed to coincide with the anniversary celebrations. | They have arranged the launch to coincide with the start of the college term.

**clash** /klæʃ/ [v I] if one event **clashes** with another, or if two events **clash**, they are arranged to happen at the same time, and this usually causes problems or is inconvenient: We can go to both classes if they don't clash. | **+ with** We've rescheduled the next meeting – it clashed with a conference that most of us will be attending. | 'Are you watching Family Fortunes tonight?' 'No, it clashes with the Tina Turner interview on Channel 3.'

**tie in with** /ˌtaɪ 'ɪn wɪð/ [phr v T] to arrange an event so that it happens at the same time as something else, because this helps you in some way: His publishers have tied the release in with his new television series. | AIDS education can be tied in with existing health education programs.

**juggle** /ˈdʒʌɡəl/ [v T] to try to do two or more things at the same time, even though this is difficult and you are very busy: The film is about a maintenance man who juggles three jobs to provide for his family. | suburban working mothers who juggle careers, families, and after-school sports | **juggle sth and sth** I don't think any man can ever understand the difficulties of juggling motherhood and politics. | **juggle sth with sth** With school starting, Anna will have to juggle her love of swimming with her homework.

## to have enough time

### 19 to have enough time to do something

- ▶ have time/have the time
- ▶ there is time
- ▶ when you have a moment/minute
- ▶ it's not too late

**have time/have the time** /ˌhæv 'taɪm, ˌhæv ðə 'taɪm/ [v phrase not in progressive] If you **have time**, I could show you around the rest of the house. | Do you think we **have the time**? | **+ to do sth** Few agencies have the time or the staff to train new employees. | She put the phone down before I had time to reply. | Just leave it on my desk till I have time to deal with it. | **+ for** Do you have time for a quick drink? | Perhaps next year I'll have more time for gardening.

**there is time** /ðeər ɪz 'taɪm/ use this to say there is enough time for someone to do something: We thought we'd go to the museum, and maybe have some lunch too, if there's time. | If you hurry there should be time for a little shopping. | I guess there's time for a bedtime story, Lauren. | **there is time for sb to do sth** There's still time for you to change your mind, you know. | Is there time for me to wash my hair before we leave? | **+ to do sth** I don't think there's time to paint the whole wall today.

**when you have a moment/minute** /ˌwen juː hæv ə 'məʊmənt, 'mɪnɪt/ [adv] use this to mean 'when you have a small amount of spare time during a period when you are very busy', especially when you are asking someone to do something: When you have a minute, Josie, I'd like to talk to you. | Do you have a minute? I have a couple of questions to ask. | These letters are ready for you to sign when you have a moment. | **have a spare moment/minute** If you have a spare moment, could you read through my essay? | It's quite rare that I have a spare minute these days.

**it's not too late** /ɪts ˌnɒt tuː 'leɪt/ use this to say that there is still enough time for someone to do something **+ to do sth** If you haven't got roses in your garden, it's not too late to plant now. | It's still not too late to get a flu vaccine. | **it's not too late for sb to do sth** He insists it's not too late for United to win the cup, though he admits it will be an uphill struggle.

### 20 to have very little time to do something

- ▶ have (very) little time/not have much time
- ▶ be short of time
- ▶ be pressed/pushed for time

**have (very) little time/not have much time** /hæv (ˌveri) lɪtl 'taɪm, ˌnɒt hæv ˌmʌtʃ 'taɪm/ [v phrase not in progressive] **+ for** I don't have much time for visiting, parties and so on. | **+ to do sth** We had very little time to train for the big game. | I'm afraid I have had very little time to entertain you or introduce you to anyone. | 'Have you decided yet?' 'I've not had much time to think about it.'

**be short of time** /biː ˌʃɔːt əv 'taɪm/ [v phrase] to have very little time to do something, especially because you have a lot of things to do: If you're short of time, I recommend seeing at least the museum and the cathedral. | She was puzzled, but too short of time to argue with him. | **run short of time** As we're running short of time, let me end with just one example of what I mean.

**be pressed/pushed for time** /biː ˌprest, ˌpuʃt fər 'taɪm/ [v phrase] to have very little time to do something, especially with the result that you have to do it very quickly: I was pressed for time in my few days in Sydney, and did not have the opportunity to explore the city. | It's probably best to avoid the main roads unless you're really pushed for time.

### 21 to not have enough time to do something

- ▶ not have (the) time/have no time
- ▶ there is no time
- ▶ run out of time

**not have (the) time/have no time** /nɒt hæv (ðə) 'taɪm, hæv ˌnəʊ 'taɪm/ [v phrase not in progressive] I'll look at it later. I haven't got time at the moment. | Harold was supposed to organize the trip, but he just didn't have the time. | **+ to do sth** I didn't have time to



take a shower this morning. | I haven't had time to write those letters yet. | We won't have time to practice tonight. | + **for** I don't have time for lunch. | She says she has no time for relaxation.

**there is no time** /ðeər ɪz, nəʊ 'taɪm/ use this to say that there is not enough time for someone to do something + **to do sth** The train was about to leave, and there was no time to buy a ticket. | There's no time to go through all these applications this morning. | + **for** Look, there's no time for that now. We have to get moving.

**run out of time** /ˌrʌn aʊt əv 'taɪm/ [v phrase] to be unable to finish doing something within the time that you have to do it in: I'm sorry, we seem to have run out of time. Thanks to everyone who took part. | I have to finish this by tomorrow, and I'm running out of time.

## time passes

### 22 when a period of time passes

▶ **pass/go by**  
▶ **elapse**

▶ **the passage/**  
**passing of time**

**pass/go by** /pɑːs|pæs, ˌgəʊ 'baɪ/ [v l/phr v l] Three weeks passed, and Max had still not found a job. | Years passed before she could bring herself to call me 'Frank' without the 'Mister'. | Hardly a week goes by when I do not think of you. | **time passes/goes by** The side effects tend to subside as time passes. | I was trying to calculate how much time had gone by since I heard the scream.

**elapse** /ɪ'læps/ [v l not in progressive] formal if a period of time elapses, it passes, especially between two events + **before/since/between** Nine years elapsed before he produced his eighth symphony. | It seems remarkable that nearly thirty years has elapsed since there was a major museum exhibition in the city. | A surprisingly long time had elapsed between the discovery of the body and the arrival of the police.

**the passage/passing of time** /ðə ˌpæslɪdʒ, ˌpɑːsɪŋ əv 'taɪm/ [n phrase] the process of time passing over a long period, especially when people or things change during this time – used especially in stories or descriptions: Two children, a successful marriage, and the passage of time had helped Maisie to forget her unhappy childhood. | The early recordings have hardly stood up well to the passage of time. | The passing of time did little to lessen his grief. | **with the passage of time** Behaviour and social attitudes change with the passing of time. | These ancient settlements have perished with the passage of time.

### 23 time passes quickly

▶ **go fast/quickly**  
▶ **fly by**

▶ **time flies**  
▶ **tick away**

**go fast/quickly** /ˌgəʊ 'fɑːst, 'kwɪkli-'fæst/ [v phrase] The rest of the weekend went too quickly – he wanted it to last forever. | Today can't go fast enough for me. | The summer seems to have come and gone so quickly. | **make sth go faster/more quickly** (=to make work, a journey etc seem to take less time than it really does) Reading on the train makes the journey go more quickly. | It's great having you to talk to. It makes the time go faster.

**fly by** /'flaɪ baɪ/ [phr v l] if a period of time **flies by**, it seems to pass very quickly, especially when you have been very busy or enjoying yourself: The after-

noon flew by as they went through the next scene together. | Hours can fly by as I write, and I don't even notice. | Time is flying by quickly now and it seems impossible that there are only three months left.

**time flies** /ˌtaɪm 'flaɪz/ use this when you are surprised at how quickly the time has passed, especially when you have been enjoying yourself: Is Richard eight already? Doesn't time fly? | 'Hasn't the afternoon passed quickly?' said Carol. 'Time flies when you're having fun.'

**tick away** /ˌtɪk ə'weɪ/ [phr v l] if the minutes, the hours, time etc **tick away**, it passes, especially when you must do something before a particular time or when you are frightened or nervous: He had to watch the minutes tick away while the emergency services tried to locate him. | Aware of how the minutes were ticking away, Julia desperately scribbled down the last few answers.

### 24 time passes slowly

▶ **go slowly**

▶ **drag**

**go slowly** /ˌgəʊ 'sləʊli/ [v phrase] The rest of the day went very slowly for Anne. | The lesson lasted all morning, and seemed to go even more slowly than usual.

**drag** /dræg/ [v l] if time **drags**, it seems to pass very slowly, especially because you are bored: Why do physics lessons always seem to drag? | + **by/on** The day dragged on, and there was still no sign of Jake. | As time dragged on, I gradually got worse. | As the months drag by, you find out who your real friends are.

## tired/tiring

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### 1 tired after exercise or work

▶ **tired**  
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▶ **beat/pooped/**  
**bushed**  
▶ **be dead on your**  
**feet/be ready to**  
**drop**

**tired** /taɪəd/ [adj] I usually feel too tired to cook dinner after a day at the office. | We sat down and stretched out our tired legs. | They came back from their long walk, tired but relaxed. | Overly tired drivers can be nearly as dangerous as drunk drivers. | **get tired** (=start to feel tired) Can we stop soon? I'm getting really tired.

**exhausted** /ɪg'zɔːstɪd/ [adj] very tired, especially because you have been doing a sport or other hard physical activity, and you have used all your energy: I was exhausted every day when I first started teaching, but I'm used to it now. | The exhausted dancers collapsed as they stepped off the stage. | + **from/by** The five of them were still exhausted from their 36-hour train ride. | **completely/absolutely exhausted** We had been walking for over 20 miles, and we were completely exhausted.

**tired out/worn out** /ˌtaɪəd 'aʊt, ˌwɔːr'n 'aʊt/ [adj not before noun] very tired, especially after a lot of hard work, physical exercise, or travelling: Come in and sit down. You look worn out. | The men had been working in the fields all day and they were tired out. |



+ **from/by** Susan and Lloyd were both tired out from feeding, bathing, and putting the children to bed.

**shattered** /'ʃætəd/ [adj not before noun] British very tired, especially as a result of mental effort or worry: *When he came out of the exam he felt shattered.* | *I've had a terrible day at the office and I'm absolutely shattered.*

**weary** /'wiəri/ [adj] written so tired after a very long period of working, travelling, or great mental effort that you feel you can hardly continue with what you are doing: *After the hike the two were so weary they fell asleep immediately.* | *Snow in Boston closed down the airport, causing even more delays for weary travellers.* | **grow weary** My head grew weary from trying to follow his arguments. — **wearily** [adv] A middle-aged waitress came wearily over to them to take their order.

**drained** /dreɪnd/ [adj not before noun] very tired and feeling as if all your energy has gone, especially as a result of an unpleasant emotional experience, such as being worried, upset, or shocked: *By the end of the day I felt drained, with nothing to show for all my work.* | *After losing the game, Coach Saylor came to the press conference looking and sounding emotionally drained.*

**knackered** /'nækəd/ [adj not before noun] British very tired: *I've been up since four o'clock this morning – I'm absolutely knackered!* | *When you're training a team sometimes it's good to push them until they're knackered.*

**beat/pooped/bushed** /bi:t, pu:pt, bu:st/ [adj not before noun] American informal very tired: *Wow, I'm pooped. I don't feel like going to the gym tonight.* | *You look beat – what have you been doing?* | *Will you excuse me? I'm bushed – I think I'll go to bed.*

**be dead on your feet/be ready to drop** /bi:ded ɒn jɔ: 'fi:t, bi:redi tə 'drɒp/ [v phrase] informal to be so tired that you are almost unable to stay standing: *After fourteen hours of non-stop work I was dead on my feet.* | *For goodness' sake go home! You look ready to drop.*

## 2 wanting to sleep

- ▶ tired
- ▶ sleepy
- ▶ drowsy
- ▶ half-asleep
- ▶ can hardly/can barely/can't keep your eyes open

**tired** /taɪəd/ [adj] *The kids were really tired, so we sent them to bed.* | *I tried to watch the news on TV, but I was too tired to stay awake.*

**sleepy** /'sli:pi/ [adj] if you are **sleepy**, you want to sleep immediately and your eyes are starting to close: *'Aren't you sleepy?' 'No, I took a nap this afternoon.'* | *It's no easy task getting three sleepy children out of the car and into the house.* | *We arrived at the hotel late at night, and were too sleepy to notice how beautiful it was.* — **sleepily** [adv] *'What time is it?' she said sleepily.*

**drowsy** /'draʊzi/ [adj] starting to sleep because you are in a warm place or because you have drunk alcohol or taken medicine: *You shouldn't drive after taking these pills – they can make you drowsy.* | *Len had drunk too much wine, and he felt cosy and drowsy in spite of the coffee.*

**half-asleep** /hɑ:f ə'sli:p, hæf-/ [adj not before noun] very nearly asleep because you are tired and sleepy: *'Wyatt, what is it?' Sue called, half-asleep, from the bedroom.* | *Moirra was half-asleep when the phone rang and it took her a few seconds to realize what it was.*

**can hardly/can barely/can't keep your eyes open** /kən ,hɑ:rdli, kən ,beərli, kɑ:nt ki:p jɔ: 'aɪz ,əʊpən/ [v phrase] to feel so tired that you find it hard to stay awake: *I can't keep my eyes open – I've got to go to bed.* | *The kids were still full of energy, but Julie and I could hardly keep our eyes open.* | *By the time we finally got home, I could barely keep my eyes open.*

## 3 tired and having no interest in anything

- ▶ lethargic
- ▶ listless

**lethargic** /lɪ'θɑ:dʒɪk/ [adj] feeling tired and lazy, as if you have no interest in doing anything: *All this hot weather is making me feel lethargic.* | *Patients with depression may be lethargic during the day and unable to sleep at night.* | *The spectacular play inspired his lethargic teammates to start playing harder.*

**listless** /'lɪstləs/ [adj] feeling tired and not interested in anything, especially because you are ill: *Tim is listless on the job and keeps making dumb mistakes.* | *The last few years of my mother's life she was tired and listless most of the time.* | *She had to keep thinking up new ways to hold the attention of her listless pupils.*

## 4 looking tired

- ▶ tired
- ▶ washed-out
- ▶ bleary-eyed
- ▶ drawn

**tired** /taɪəd/ [adj] *I've never seen him look so tired.* | **tired eyes/face etc** *Look at their tired little faces.* | *She had tired-looking bags under her eyes.*

**washed-out** /wɒʃt 'aʊt, wɑ:ʃt-/ [adj not before noun] especially British looking tired and unhealthy: *The last time I saw Helena she was looking pretty washed-out. Is she alright?*

**bleary-eyed** /bliəri 'aɪd-/ [adj] with red, half-open eyes, especially as a result of lack of sleep: *After twelve hours of driving Jean was bleary-eyed and stiff.* | *The bleary-eyed engineers were still hard at work when everyone else arrived the next day.*

**drawn** /drɔ:n/ [adj] someone who looks **drawn** is tired from illness, worry, or working too hard, and their face looks thin and pale: *Terry's face was pale and drawn when she finally arrived.* | *The emergency meeting had lasted all night, and the President looked drawn as he read the statement.*

## 5 to become tired

- ▶ get tired
- ▶ flag
- ▶ tire yourself out/ wear yourself out/ exhaust yourself
- ▶ burn out/burn yourself out
- ▶ run out of steam
- ▶ tire yourself

**get tired** /get 'taɪəd/ [v phrase] *If you get tired, just stop for a while.* | *We talked until we both got tired and decided to go to bed.* | *Since her illness, she finds that she gets tired really easily.*

**flag** /flæg/ [v I] to start to get tired, especially if you are doing something that needs a lot of energy: *Jenny taught for four hours straight without flagging.* | *By the fifth game, I could see that my opponent was beginning to flag.*

**tire yourself out/wear yourself out/ exhaust yourself** /taɪər jɔ:rsɛlf 'aʊt, weər jɔ:rsɛlf



**'aut, ɪg'zɔːst ʃɔːrself/** [v phrase] to become tired by doing things that take a lot of effort: *The baby's stopped crying. He must have tired himself out. | You're going to wear yourself out if you keep working so hard. | My poor mother had exhausted herself trying to get ready for company.*

**burn out/burn yourself out** /bɜːrn 'aut, bɜːrn ʃɔːrself 'aut/ [phr v l/v phrase] to become tired, ill, and unable to continue, as a result of working too hard for too long, especially because you want very much to be successful: *If you don't stop working nights and weekends, you'll burn yourself out. | Most of these high-flying young executives burn out before they're 30. — burnt-out/burned out* /bɜːrnt 'aut, bɜːrnt 'aut/ [adj] *Most of the school's teachers have been there for years and are burnt out.*

**run out of steam** /rʌn aʊt əv 'stiːm/ [v phrase] to become so tired that you do not have enough energy to finish what you are doing, especially when you have been working hard for a long time: *The home team seemed to run out of steam well before the game was over. | Gail started the project with a lot of energy and enthusiasm, but at some point she just ran out of steam.*

**tire yourself** /'taɪər ʃɔːrself/ [v phrase] to become tired because of things that you do: *Get plenty of rest and try not to tire yourself unnecessarily.*

## 6 to make someone feel tired

- ▶ **tire/wear out**
- ▶ **exhaust**
- ▶ **tire**
- ▶ **take it out of/ do sb in**
- ▶ **it nearly killed me**

**tire/wear out** /'taɪər, 'weər 'aut/ [phr v T] **tire/wear sb out** *Their constant quarrelling is wearing us out. | tire/wear out sb* *The thin air at high altitudes usually tires out people who are not used to the mountains.*

**exhaust** /ɪg'zɔːst/ [v T] to make someone feel very tired: *The effort of swimming against the current exhausted him. | it exhausts sb to do sth* *It exhausted him to talk for too long, but he loved hearing all the theater gossip.*

**tire** /'taɪər/ [v T] to make someone feel tired, especially someone who gets tired easily because they are old or ill: *I won't tire you with a long visit. I just wanted to stop in and see how you were doing.*

**take it out of sb/do sb in** /'teɪk ɪt 'aʊt əv (sb), 'duː (sb) 'ɪn/ [v phrase/phr v T] informal to make you feel as if you have no energy left: *Dale's a construction worker. You know, that sort of work really takes it out of you. | It wasn't the cooking so much as all the cleaning up that did me in.*

**it nearly killed me** /ɪt 'niːəli 'kɪld miː/ spoken use this to say that doing a very hard job or activity made you feel extremely tired: *It nearly killed me carrying that fridge up the stairs!*

## 7 making you feel tired

- ▶ **tiring**
- ▶ **exhausting**
- ▶ **hard**
- ▶ **wearing**

**tiring** /'taɪərɪŋ/ [adj] something that is **tiring** makes you feel tired: *The journey was really tiring. | Sam couldn't wait for the whole tiring ordeal to be over. | a tiring day/week etc* *I've had such a tiring day. I just want to take a bath and go to bed.*

**exhausting** /ɪg'zɔːstɪŋ/ [adj] something that is **exhausting** makes you feel very weak and very

tired: *She's just returned from another exhausting lecture tour. | I had to drive nine hours without a break – it was exhausting. | Starting a small business can be the most physically and mentally exhausting task you've ever done.*

**hard** /hɑːrd/ [adj usually before noun] a **hard** day, journey etc is one that makes you feel very tired because you have to work very **hard**, travel a long distance, or deal with a lot of problems: *Taking care of a two-year-old is hard work. | It was a long hard walk back to the nearest town. | When I come home from a hard day at work, I don't feel like talking to anyone.*

**wearing** /'weərɪŋ/ [adj not before noun] a person, activity, or situation that is **wearing** is very tiring because it uses up a lot of your mental energy: *I find her constant questions and chatter rather wearing. | Kids of that age can be very wearing, can't they?*

## 8 the feeling of being tired

- ▶ **tiredness**
- ▶ **exhaustion**
- ▶ **drowsiness**
- ▶ **fatigue**
- ▶ **lethargy**
- ▶ **jet-lag**
- ▶ **burnout**

**tiredness** /'taɪərɪdnəs/ [n U] *Tiredness and headaches are common signs of stress. | Camomile tea soothes the nerves and relieves tiredness. | A terrible tiredness had overcome her, leaving her no energy for extra activities.*

**exhaustion** /ɪg'zɔːstʃən/ [n U] the feeling of being very tired: *The soldiers were suffering from exhaustion after long days and nights of marching. | The signs of chronic exhaustion showed in Martha's face. | from/with exhaustion* *One of the players collapsed with exhaustion and had to be carried off the field.*

**drowsiness** /'draʊzɪnəs/ [n U] the feeling of wanting to sleep that you sometimes get when you are in a warm place or when you have drunk alcohol or taken medicine: *The drug can cause drowsiness. | Robert stopped fighting the drowsiness and sank back in the soft chair.*

**fatigue** /fə'tiːg/ [n U] a feeling of being very tired and weak – used especially in medical contexts: *Symptoms of the illness include fever, fatigue, and loss of appetite. | Driving in stressful conditions can lead to muscle fatigue. | She seemed depressed and was beginning to show signs of fatigue.*

**lethargy** /'leθərdʒi/ [n U] formal extreme tiredness that makes you feel very lazy, so that you do not want to do anything and you are not interested in anything: *Another common symptom of a hangover is lethargy and muscular weakness. | It is not unusual for new mothers to go to the doctor complaining of tiredness, lethargy, and mild depression.*

**jet-lag** /'dʒet læg/ [n U] a feeling of tiredness and confusion which you sometimes get when you fly to a part of the world where the time is different from the place you have left: *I always get jet-lag when I fly from London to New York. — jet-lagged* [adj] *suffering from jet-lag: On the first morning of the conference, most of us were still jet-lagged.*

**burnout** /'bɜːrnaʊt/ [n U] when you have worked so hard over a long period of time that you become too mentally and physically tired to continue: *Young boys recruited at an early age by soccer clubs often suffer from burnout before they're out of their teens.*



# toilet

## 1 a toilet/rest room

- ▶ toilet
- ▶ bathroom
- ▶ loo/bog
- ▶ restroom/washroom
- ▶ the gents
- ▶ the ladies
- ▶ lavatory
- ▶ WC

**toilet** /'tɔɪlɪt/ [n C] British a room containing a toilet: *'Where's the toilet?' 'Downstairs on the right.'* | **men's/women's/ladies' toilets** *There's a huge queue in the ladies' toilets.* | **public toilets** *Pat refuses to use the public toilets in this country because they are always so dirty.*

**bathroom** /'bɑːθrʊm -ru:m/ [n singular] a toilet, especially in someone's house: *The bathroom is next to Jack's room.* | *'Can I use your bathroom?' 'Sure, go ahead.'*

**loo/bog** British informal /**john** American informal /luː, bɒg/ [n C] a toilet: *Where's the loo?* | *Tony's in the john. He'll be back in a minute.* | *It's a good pub, but the bogs are terrible!*

**restroom/washroom** /'restru:m, 'wɒʃru:m/ [n C] American the toilets in a public place: *Do you have restrooms here?* | *There's no paper in the washroom.*

**the gents** British /**the men's room** American /ðə 'dʒents, ðə 'menz ru:m/ [n singular] the men's toilets in a public place: *Can you tell me where the men's room is please?* | *'Where's Kevin?' 'He went to the gents.'*

**the ladies** British /**the ladies' room** American /ðə 'leɪdɪz, ðə 'leɪdɪz ru:m/ [n singular] the women's toilets in a public place: *Wait for me outside. I'm going to the ladies.* | *The ladies' room is just around the corner.*

**lavatory** /'lævətəri/-tɔːri/ [n C] formal a toilet: *Even the lavatory was luxurious, with a marble interior and soft, white hand towels.* | **public lavatory** *The public lavatories are situated on the other side of the beach.*

**WC** /ˌdʌbəljuː 'siː/ [n C] especially British, written a toilet – used especially in written information about buildings: *All our holiday apartments have a double bedroom, small kitchen, bathroom, and WC.*

## 2 to use the toilet

- ▶ go to the toilet/bathroom/loo etc
- ▶ powder your nose

**go to the toilet/bathroom/loo etc** /gəʊ tə ðə 'tɔɪlɪt/ [v phrase] *Mummy! I want to go to the toilet.* | *Hang on a minute – I'm just going to the loo.* | *I thought you went to the bathroom before we left.*

**powder your nose** /ˌpaʊdər ʃɔːr 'nəʊz/ [v phrase] to go to the toilet – used humorously by women to avoid saying this directly: *You get the drinks in – I'll just go and powder my nose.*

# tool

a tool

## RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **equipment, machine, thing**

- ▶ tool
- ▶ instrument
- ▶ gadget
- ▶ device
- ▶ implement
- ▶ utensil

**tool** /tu:l/ [n C] a thing that you hold in your hand and use to repair, cut, or make something: *He couldn't finish repairing the engine because he didn't have the right tools.* | **+ for a tool for cutting metal** | **gardening/kitchen/mining tools** *All my gardening tools had been stolen from the shed.* | **tool box** (=a strong box that tools are kept in) *He took a spanner from his tool box and tightened up the bolts on the gate.* | **tool kit** (=a set of tools that are kept together) *A good tool kit should contain pliers, screwdrivers, and wire-cutters.*

**instrument** /'ɪnstɹmənt/ [n C] a small tool or device used especially by doctors and scientists, for doing careful or delicate work: *I sat in the dentist's chair and looked at the row of instruments beside me.* | *The microscope is perhaps the most widely used scientific instrument.* | *The company specializes in the manufacture of high quality writing instruments.*

**gadget** /'gædʒɪt/ [n C] a small tool that has been cleverly designed to help you do something more easily: *He showed her several electronic gadgets, such as a watch that you can use as a phone.* | *It's a clever little gadget which you can use to cut vegetables into attractive shapes.* | *A sales assistant was demonstrating several kitchen gadgets to a crowd of shoppers.*

**device** /dr'vaɪs/ [n C] a piece of equipment that has been cleverly designed to do a particular job, for example one that makes measurements, records sounds, or controls the operation of a machine: *An EEG is a device that records electrical activity in the brain.* | **+ for doing sth** *a thermostatic device for controlling temperature* | *The farmers there still use the 'Archimedes Screw', an ancient device for raising water from a lake or well.*

**implement** /'ɪmplɪmənt/ [n C] formal a tool or simple machine used for a particular job, especially when working in the garden or on a farm: *The native women grind the wheat with heavy stone implements.* | *It is best to cut weeds off at the roots with an implement such as a hoe.* | **farming/cooking/writing etc implements** *Some children find it difficult to hold their writing implements.*

**utensil** /juː'tensəl/ [n C] a piece of equipment, especially one used in the kitchen to prepare food: *Peter found the potato peeler in a drawer full of utensils.* | *We packed a few essential cooking utensils such as pots and a can opener for our camping trip.* | *You will find a wide range of kitchen utensils in our cookshop on the second floor.*

# too/too much

## 1 too

- ▶ too

**too** /tu:/ [adv] more than is right or necessary, or more than you want: *They didn't give him the job.*



*They said he was too old. | Don't work too hard! | It's too hot in here. | too big/small/tired etc to do sth I was too tired to get up off the couch. | She's still too upset to talk about it. | far too small/way too big etc \$200! That's way too expensive. | The temperature was well below zero – far too cold to spend more than a few minutes on deck. | too old/quick/big etc for My room's too narrow for a king-size bed. | Military officials believed that the harbor was too shallow for torpedo launches.*

## 2 too much or too many

- ▶ **too much**
- ▶ **too many**
- ▶ **an excess of**
- ▶ **glut**
- ▶ **too much of a good thing**
- ▶ **excessive**
- ▶ **inordinate**
- ▶ **overkill**

**too much** /tu: 'mʌtʃ/ [quantifier] use this about amounts or costs: *Jim drinks too much. | That kid talks too much. | You spend too much time worrying about things. | far/way too much I'm sure my parents paid way too much for the land. | The surveys took up far too much time, and they were difficult to understand. | + for There was too much baggage for one person to carry.*

**too many** /tu: 'meni/ [quantifier] use this about number of people or things: *I've brought some more chairs – I hope I didn't bring too many. | She can't come – she says she has too many things to do. | far/way too many Far too many postgraduate students never finish their projects once begun. | + for There were too many bags for one person to carry.*

**an excess of** /ən ik'ses ɒv/ [quantifier] formal too much of something: *an excess of alcohol | An excess of fertilizer is harmful to trees and other garden plants.*

**glut** /glʌt/ [n C usually singular] a situation in which there is too much of a product available at a particular time, which often results in the price of the product being cut + of *A glut of bonds on the market pushed prices down. | When there is a glut of milk more products like yoghurt are made.*

**too much of a good thing** /tu: 'mʌtʃ əv ə 'ɡʊd 'θɪŋ/ [n phrase] if you say that something is **too much of a good thing**, you mean that it would be good in small amounts but you have too much of it: *Many Koreans believe that the rush of foreign products may be too much of a good thing. | Getting six boxes of chocolates for my birthday was really too much of a good thing.*

**excessive** /ik'sesɪv/ [adj] use this about an amount, cost, or level which is much too high, especially when you think it is wrong or unfair that it is so high: *The campaign is trying to stop the excessive use of chemicals in farming. | \$10 for two cups of coffee seems excessive. | As usual, the opposition claims the government is guilty of excessive spending.*

**inordinate** /ɪ'nɔ:rdənɪt/ [adj only before noun] formal much more than is reasonable, especially when this is unfair to other people or means that other things are not given enough attention: *Scientists have been criticized for devoting an inordinate amount of time to research on animals. | a man of inordinate ambition*

**overkill** /'əʊvərki:l/ [n U] a situation in which something is done so much that it is no longer interesting or effective: *Of course, it's a serious disaster, but some of these sensational newspaper reports are just overkill. | Many felt that the money spent amounted to overkill, and that a cheaper, less glossy advertising campaign would have been just as effective.*

## 3 to do something too much

- ▶ **try/think/push etc too hard**
- ▶ **overdo it**
- ▶ **overreact**
- ▶ **go too far/take sth too far**
- ▶ **go to extremes**
- ▶ **to excess**
- ▶ **over the top**
- ▶ **overload**
- ▶ **overindulge/overindulge yourself**
- ▶ **flog sth to death**

**try/think/push etc too hard** /traɪ tu: 'hɑ:d/ to do something with too much effort, so that you do not get the result you want: *You're hitting the ball too hard. | I think you've been working too hard – you need a rest | Many parents try too hard to engineer a safe environment for their child, with disastrous results.*

**overdo it** /əʊvər'du: ɪt/ especially spoken to do or say something too much, especially to do too much work or exercise: *You need more exercise, but be careful not to overdo it. | The tour guide managed to be funny and informative, without overdoing it.*

**overreact** /əʊvəri'ækt/ [v I] to get too angry or too worried when something happens which is not in fact very serious: *Don't you think you're overreacting a little? I'm only ten minutes late. | + to I think people have overreacted to the advertisement – we didn't intend of offend anyone.*

**go too far/take sth too far** /gəʊ tu: 'fɑ:r, teɪk (sth) tu: 'fɑ:r/ [v phrase] to do something so much or to such a great degree that you offend, upset, or annoy people, especially because you do not know when it is reasonable to stop: *Officials were worried that the Chairman's criticisms had gone too far. | John had taken the joke too far and now Betty was crying. | + in doing sth We all agree there have to be some controls, but the government has gone too far in ordering all immigration to be stopped.*

**go to extremes** /gəʊ tu: ɪk'stri:mz/ [v phrase] to do something so much, state something so strongly etc, that people consider your actions unacceptable and unreasonable: *Hunt went to such extremes to get his promotion that everyone at the office hates him now. | You don't have to go to extremes to become healthier – a little exercise and slight changes to your diet can work wonders.*

**to excess** /tu: ɪk'ses/ [adv] if you do something to excess, you do it so much that it is wrong or harmful: *The government enthusiastically supports US foreign policy, sometimes to excess. | He drank to excess, occasionally causing scenes in front of CIA officials.*

**over the top** /əʊvər ðə 'tɒp ||-'tɑ:p/ [adj/adv] something you say or do that is **over the top** is extreme, so that it is either very funny and entertaining, or very annoying or offensive: *Some of his remarks about women were really over the top. | The show was supposed to be a kind of over-the-top satire – it wasn't supposed to be taken seriously. | go over the top The movie's drawn-out finale goes over the top in its attempt to keep the audience in suspense.*

**overload** /əʊvər'ləʊd/ [v T] to give someone too much work to do or try to make a system handle too much work: *We can't take money from a school system that is already overloaded. | They overloaded the computer system, and the whole thing just stopped. | Projects should stretch people and make them work hard, but not overload them.*

**overindulge/overindulge yourself** /əʊvərɪn-'dʌldʒ, əʊvərɪn-'dʌldʒ jɔ:rsɛlf/ [v I/T] use this humorously when you have eaten too much rich food or drunk too much alcohol: *Schneider told quite a funny*



story about how he had overindulged one night. | What's the point of a vacation, after all, if not to overindulge yourself?

**flog sth to death** /ˌflɒɡ (sth) tə 'deθ||ˌflɑːɡ-/ [v phrase] British informal to talk too much about a subject or repeat a joke or story too often, so that no one is interested in it any more: *It was a good story a month ago, but the newspapers have really flogged it to death.*

#### 4 not needed because there is already enough

▶ excess

▶ surplus

**excess** /'ekses/ [adj only before noun] an additional amount that is not wanted or needed because there is already enough of something: *Excess vitamin D can cause kidney damage in young children.* | *Cut off the excess fat from the meat before cooking.* | *The excess pounds had given him a double chin and a neck that made his shirt collar look too tight.*

**surplus** /'sɜːpləs/ [n C] the additional amount of something, especially something that you produce or grow, which is more than you need and which can therefore be given or sold to other people: *The Gulf States produce more oil than they need and sell the surplus to the rest of the world.* | *Government subsidies have resulted in huge grain surpluses.* | *The budget surplus could be used to hire and train more border guards.* — **surplus** [adj only before noun] *The State raised \$130 million by selling off surplus land.*

#### 5 not too much

▶ not too/very much

▶ moderate

▶ not too/very many

▶ in moderation

▶ not too big/hard/  
loud etc

▶ keep sth in  
proportion

**not too/very much** /nɒt tuː, veri 'mʌtʃ/ [adv] *Not too much pizza for me please, I'm on a diet.* | *I won't give you very much homework tonight, so you have time to finish your essay.* | **not eat/drink/ talk etc too much** *Don't talk too much now – you need to rest.*

**not too/very many** /nɒt tuː, veri 'meni/ [adv] *You can have a few chips, but not too many.* | *Not very many people were interested in the project.*

**not too big/hard/loud etc** /nɒt tuː 'bɪɡ/ [adv] *I wasn't too upset when they told me I hadn't got the job.* | *It was a beautiful sunny day and not too cold.* | *Don't hit it too hard – just nudge it over the net.*

**moderate** /'mɒdəreɪt||ˌmɑː-/ [adj] not too much – use this about eating, drinking, and other things that could be unhealthy if you did them too much: *Moderate exercise, such as walking and swimming, can help to prevent heart disease.* | *New studies show that moderate drinking is good for you.*

**in moderation** /ɪn ˌmɒdə'reɪʃən || -ˌmɑː-/ [adv] if you eat or drink something **in moderation**, you do not eat or drink too much of it: *He only drinks wine in moderation.* | *Children should be taught not about 'bad foods' and 'good foods,' but rather to eat a wide variety of foods in moderation.*

**keep sth in proportion** /ˌkiːp (sth) ɪn prə'pɔːr-  
ʃən/ [v phrase] to not allow yourself to become so excited, annoyed etc by an event or situation that you lose a sense of what is reasonable, sensible, or possible: *My confidence was so low it was difficult to keep things in proportion – the smallest problem seemed like a major tragedy.* | *The Party's recent successes in the polls are encouraging but they need to be kept in proportion.*

## top

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: — **bottom**

▶ on top of *see on/on top of*

▶ the best *see best*

▶ *see also up, high*

#### 1 the top part of something

▶ top

▶ crest

▶ summit

**top** /tɒp||ˌtɑːp/ [n C] the **top** or highest part of something: *When you paint, you should start at the top and work your way down.* | **+ of** *The top of the mountain is covered with snow.* | *The tops of the trees swayed in the breeze.* | *There's a wonderful view from the top of the tower.* | **tree-top/roof-top/hill-top etc** *I looked out over the roof-tops towards the mountains beyond.*

**summit** /'sʌmɪt/ [n C] the top of a mountain: *It took the climbers four hours to reach the summit.* | **+ of** *In the distance we could see the snow-covered summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.* | *We took a small train to the summit of Pike's Peak.*

**crest** /krest/ [n C] especially written the top of a hill or wave: *There's a trail up there that follows the length of the crest.* | **+ of** *When I reached the crest of the hill, I turned to look back.* | *In the distance we could see a small boat riding the crests of the waves.*

#### 2 at the top of something

▶ on top

▶ at the top

**on top** /ɒn 'tɒp||-ˌtɑːp/ [adv] on the top surface or highest point of something: *She brought me an enormous dish of ice cream with a bright red cherry on top.* | **+ of** *The church stood on top of a hill.* | *On top of the cupboard was an old trunk, covered in dust.*

**at the top** /ət ðə 'tɒp||-ˌtɑːp/ [adv] on or near the top of something: *The vase has a small crack at the top.* | **+ of** *He was waiting for me at the top of the stairs.* | *Don't forget to write your name at the top of the test before you turn it in.*

#### 3 when something is nearest the top

▶ top

▶ topmost/

▶ upper

uppermost

**top** /tɒp||ˌtɑːp/ [adj only before noun] *The books are on the top shelf.* | *Put the papers in the top drawer of the filing cabinet.* | *We moved into an apartment on the top floor of the building.*

**upper** /'ʌpər/ [adj only before noun] at the top above the lower part of something: *Several of her upper teeth were missing.* | *He already had a light growth of hair on his upper lip.* | *Most meteorites do not make it through Earth's upper atmosphere.*

**topmost/uppermost** /'tɒpməʊst||ˌtɑːp-, 'ʌpər-  
məʊst/ [adj only before noun] formal the **topmost** or **uppermost** part of something is the highest of all its parts, right at the top: *Human bones were found in the uppermost level of rock.* | *Janey went to the back of the house, sat on the topmost step, and wept.*



# total

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ affecting or including everything see **all/everything**
- ▶ totally impossible, ridiculous, refuse, ignore etc see **completely**
- ▶ see also **count/calculate, amount, number, add**

## 1 a total

- ▶ **total**
- ▶ **total**
- ▶ **altogether/in all**
- ▶ **grand total**
- ▶ **subtotal**
- ▶ **gross**

**total** /'təʊtl/ [n C] the number or amount that there is, when everything has been counted or added together: *You had 29 points plus 33 points, so the total is 62.* | *A company spokesperson said 28,000 jobs or 70% of the total will be cut.* | + of *The three defendants were jailed for a total of 30 years.* | *A total of \$950 million was spent on the new transportation system.*

**total** /'təʊtl/ [adj only before noun] the total number or amount is the number that there is when everything has been counted and added together: *The total cost was far higher than we had expected.* | *People of Chinese origin made up about 10% of the total population.* | *The Performing Arts Department's total budget for the year was \$6.3 million.*

**altogether/in all** /ˌɔːltə'geðər/, in 'ɔːl/ [adv] use this to say or ask what a total amount is, including everything that could be included: *Altogether 680 women took part in the conference.* | *On the wall are rows of stickers, 35 in all, each representing a team victory.*

**grand total** /grænd 'təʊtl/ [n singular] the total when everything has been included – use this especially in a humorous way when the final total is surprisingly small: *The grand total for both meals was \$6.73.* | + of *A grand total of six people showed up for the lecture.*

**subtotal** /'sʌb,təʊtl/ [n C] the total of a single set of figures, for example on a bill, which does not include other amounts that will be added later to make the final total: *The subtotal for parts was \$23.* | *With labor costs, the bill came to \$36.*

**gross** /grəʊs/ [adj only before noun] a gross amount or figure is the total amount before anything such as tax is taken away: *My gross annual income, before tax, is just over £18,000.* | *The company's gross earnings were up \$12 million over last year.* | *The gross weight of the package is 10 kilos, including the packaging.* — **gross** [adv] *She earns about \$100,000 a year gross.*

## 2 when several numbers produce another number as a total

- ▶ **come to**
- ▶ **reach**
- ▶ **make**
- ▶ **add up to**
- ▶ **amount to**
- ▶ **total**
- ▶ **number**

**come to** /'kʌm tuː/ [phr v T] to be the total amount when everything is counted: *Including wine, the bill came to \$70.* | *Total profits from all sources for the year came to about \$15 million.*

**reach** /ri:tʃ/ [v T] if a total reaches 10, 50, 100 etc, it increases until it is equal to that number: *Hurricane damage could reach billions of dollars.* | *China's*

*economic output is likely to reach \$13 trillion within the next few years.* | *The city's population is expected to reach 12 million by the year 2010.*

**make** /meɪk/ [v T not in passive] if numbers added together make 10, 50, 100 etc, that is the answer or the total: *Two plus two makes four.* | *If Jane comes, that will make six of us.* | *There are eight submarines as well as the ships, making a total fleet of 34.*

**add up to** /æd 'ʌp tuː/ [phr v T] if a set of several figures adds up to 10, 50 etc, that is the total when you add them all together: *The three angles of a triangle add up to 180 degrees.* | *If you follow the diet exactly, it adds up to about 1,200 calories per day.* | *With the hotel, the flights, and the food, it all added up to much more than I had expected.*

**amount to** /ə'maʊnt tuː/ [phr v T] to reach a total, especially a large total: *Credit card fraud amounts to about \$17 million a year.* | *Nationally, deaths from smoking-related illnesses amount to about 30 people each day.* | *A thousand-word essay might amount to roughly 6,000 bytes on a computer disk.*

**total** /'təʊtl/ [v T not in progressive] to reach a particular total – used especially in official contexts: *The company was forced to pay fines and penalties totalling \$24.8.* | *The number of people included in the study totalled 170.*

**number** /'nʌmbər/ [v T not in progressive] if a group of people or things numbers a particular figure, especially a large figure, that is the total when they are all included: *The crowd of students numbered at least 2000.* | *In the capital, unemployed workers now number 12% of the workforce.*

# touch

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **hold, feel (3)**

## 1 to put your hand on someone or something

- ▶ **touch**
- ▶ **feel**
- ▶ **run your hand over/along/across/through etc**
- ▶ **rub**
- ▶ **scratch**
- ▶ **fiddle with**

**touch** /tʌtʃ/ [v T] to put your fingers or hand onto someone or something: *Don't touch the plates – they're hot!* | *I cut my knee last week, and it still hurts if I touch it.* | *Barry never lets anyone touch the piano.* | 'What are you thinking?' she asked, touching his arm.

**feel** /fi:l/ [v T not usually in passive] to touch something in order to find out how hard or soft, hot, cold etc it is: *Just feel this material – it's so soft!* | *The nurse felt his forehead to see if he had a fever.* | 'The flowers look so real – I can't believe they're silk,' she said, feeling the petals.

**run your hand over/along/across/through etc** /rʌn jɔːr 'hænd əvər/ [v phrase] to move your hand over something and feel the surface of it: *She ran her hand over the satiny black surface of the piano.* | *The man took off his cap and ran his hand through his thick brown hair.* | *I ran my hand along the wall, looking for a light switch.*

**rub** /rʌb/ [v T] to move your hands or fingers quickly backwards and forwards over part of your body, while pressing down, especially in order to make a



pain less severe: *Colin yawned and rubbed his eyes.* | *Could you rub my neck? It's really stiff.* | *Bill had fallen on the path and was rubbing his knee.*

**scratch** /skrætʃ/ [v I/T] to rub your finger nails hard on part of your skin, for example because it itches: *Don't scratch – the rash will get infected.* | *He sat scratching his head, trying to think of the answer.* | *There's a spot in the middle of my back that itches – can you scratch it for me?*

**fiddle with** /'fɪdl wɪð/ [phr v T] to hold something small in your hands and keep moving it around, especially because you are nervous or bored: *She fiddled nervously with her watch strap.* | *Stop fiddling with your toys and pay attention.*

## 2 to touch someone or something in a gentle or loving way

- ▶ stroke
- ▶ pat
- ▶ tickle
- ▶ caress
- ▶ fondle

▶ see also **kiss**

**stroke** /strəʊk/ [v T] to move your hand or fingers over part of someone's body in a gentle, loving way: *Miss Poole calmed herself by stroking the cat's fur.* | *Her mother sat beside her and stroked her forehead until she fell asleep again.* | *The old priest stroked his white beard as he listened.*

**pat** /pæt/ [v T] to touch someone lightly several times with the flat part of your hand, in order to comfort them or to show them that you are pleased: *'Don't worry,' he said, patting her hand gently.* | *'The baby's due in March,' Caroline said grinning and patting her stomach.* | **pat sb on the shoulder/arm/head etc** *She bent down and patted the dog on the head.*

**tickle** /'tɪkəl/ [v T] to run your fingers quickly and gently over a sensitive part of someone's body, in order to make them laugh: *I hate being tickled.* | *When I was little my older brother would tickle me till tears ran down my face.*

**caress** /kə'res/ [v T] to move your hand or fingers gently over part of someone's body in a gentle, loving, or sexual way: *Barbara held the tiny baby close and caressed his cheek.* | *He began caressing her with a surprising gentleness.*

**fondle** /'fɒndl/ 'fɑ:ndl/ [v T] to move your hand or fingers over a part of someone's body in a loving or sexual way – use this especially about touching someone in a sexual way that is not wanted: *He sat fondling her feet as she lay back in the armchair.* | *The women allege that top male executives routinely fondled female employees.*

## 3 to touch someone or something accidentally

- ▶ touch
- ▶ come into contact
- ▶ brush
- ▶ skim
- ▶ graze

**touch** /tʌtʃ/ [v T] *I'm sorry – I didn't mean to touch your sore arm.* | *The plane came down so low that its wings touched the trees.* — **touch** [n singular] *With the touch of a wrong button, she could ruin the whole program.*

**come into contact** /kʌm ɪntə 'kɒntækt/ -'kɑ:n/ [v phrase] to touch something, especially when something else happens immediately as a result: *When the two chemicals come into contact, they explode.* |

+ **with** *If the cleaner comes into contact with your eyes, rinse well with warm water and contact a doctor.* | *As many as 25 workers at the laboratory may have come into contact with the infected monkeys.*

**brush** /brʌʃ/ [v I/T] to accidentally touch someone or something lightly when passing them: *The car brushed the hedges on both sides of the narrow lane.* | + **against** *I felt something brush against the back of my head.* | *As she passed, her bare arm brushed against his arm, sending a shiver down his spine.*

**skim** /skim/ [v T] to touch something lightly when moving over it very quickly: *Seagulls skimmed the water, looking for fish.* | *He threw a flat stone and watched it skim the surface of the lake.* | *Planes skimmed the treetops as they flew in with tanks full of water to put out the fire.*

**graze** /greɪz/ [v T] to touch something lightly when passing it, sometimes causing damage: *The bullet grazed the corner of the building, just missing my arm.* | *I just barely grazed her bumper, but she's claiming I wrecked her car.*

## 4 when two things are so close that they touch each other

- ▶ touch

**touch** /tʌtʃ/ [v I] *He drew me closer until our bodies were touching.* | *Don't let the wires touch or you'll get a very bad shock.* | *Put the cards face down on the table so that the edges are touching.*

## 5 what something feels like when you touch it

- ▶ feel
- ▶ texture
- ▶ to the touch

**feel** /fi:l/ [linking verb] **feel + adjective** *The stones felt rough and warm under my feet.* | *My skin felt waxy and I wanted to bathe.* | **feel like sth** *Good imitation leather looks and feels like the real thing.* — **feel** [n singular] *There was nothing Lucy liked more than the feel of fur against her skin.*

**to the touch** /tə ðə 'tʌtʃ/ [adv] if something is cold, hard, soft etc **to the touch**, it feels cold, hard etc: *Cotton sheets are cool and smooth to the touch.* | *Water the soil when it becomes dry to the touch.* | *The dog's luxurious golden coat was thick and oily to the touch.*

**texture** /'tekstʃə/ [n C/U] the way the surface of something feels, especially how rough or smooth it feels: *The wood in the table had a lovely smooth texture.* | **coarse/smooth/gritty etc in texture** *Cotton is coarser in texture than silk.*

## 6 what you say to tell someone not to touch something

- ▶ don't touch
- ▶ leave sth alone
- ▶ hands off

**don't touch** /,dəʊnt 'tʌtʃ/ [v phrase] spoken use this when you are telling someone, especially a child, not to touch something: *Don't touch! That's daddy's work.* | *Those glasses were very expensive. You can look but don't touch.* | *Don't touch the iron – it's hot.* | *How many times do I have to tell you – don't touch my things!*

**leave sth alone** /,li:v (sth) ə'ləʊn/ [phr v T] use this when you are telling someone not to touch some-



thing they are already touching: *That's a very delicate piece of equipment – please leave it alone.* | *Our neighbor would have cut the tree down if I hadn't told him to leave it alone.*

**hands off** /,hændz 'ɒf/ [v phrase] spoken say this when you are angrily telling someone not to touch something, especially when they are trying to take it away: *Hands off my coat!* | **get/take/keep your hands off sth** *Get your hands off my car!*

## towards

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **go, direction, near**

### 1 towards

- ▶ **towards**
- ▶ **in the direction of sth**
- ▶ **for**
- ▶ **bound**
- ▶ **at**

**towards** ALSO **toward** American /tə'wɔ:d(z)/ [prep] moving, looking, or pointing in a particular direction: *If you walk along the river bank towards Skipton you come to a bridge.* | *She stood with her back toward the window.* | *Glancing towards me, he started to laugh.* | *He looked toward the ceiling of his tiny apartment.* | *The plane banked and turned toward the mountains.* | **slide/push/throw etc sth towards sb/sth** *He slid the plate of cookies toward her.*

**in the direction of sth** /ɪn ðə dɪ'rekʃən əv (sth)/ [prep] towards a place or object, but not moving, looking, or pointing directly at it: *Tyler strode off in the direction of Foxwood.* | *People were making a move in the direction of the dining room.* | **in sb's direction** *I glanced in her direction and our eyes met.* | **in the general direction of sth** (=generally towards) *He waved a hand in the general direction of the bar.* *'Another drink?'*

**for** /fər, (strong) fɔ:r/ [prep] **set off/make/head for** to start to go towards a particular place, especially in a determined way: *We set off for Boston at daybreak.* | *When it started to rain we headed for the trees as fast as we could.* | *It's getting dark – we'd better make for home.*

**bound** /baʊnd/ [adj] **London/Paris/north/east etc bound** towards a particular place or direction – use this especially about planes, trains, cars etc and the direction in which a road, railway track etc is going in: *The London bound train leaves at 22.00 hours.* | *There have been several delays to southbound rail services.* | *We were travelling westbound on Interstate 90.* | *All inward bound flights are being cancelled due to heavy fog.*

**at** /ət, (strong) æt/ [prep] if you look, smile, wave, throw something etc at someone, you look, smile etc in their direction: *The children stared at the eerie old house.* | *Nick looked back and grinned at her.* | *I threw the ball at Joe and hit him on the back of the neck.*

### 2 to go or come towards someone or something

- ▶ **go towards**
- ▶ **come towards**
- ▶ **head towards**
- ▶ **make/head for**
- ▶ **make a beeline for**
- ▶ **advance on**
- ▶ **approach**

**go towards** ALSO **go toward** American /,gəʊ tə-

'wɔ:d(z)/ [v phrase not in passive] to go away from where you are towards a particular place: *Go towards the church and take the first turning on your left.* | *He watched her going toward West End Avenue.*

**come towards** ALSO **come toward** American /,kʌm tə'wɔ:d(z)/ [v phrase not in passive] to come to where you are from a particular direction: *He looked up to see two policemen coming towards him.* | *As we came toward the house, the door flew open and out came Polly.*

**head towards** ALSO **head toward** American /,hed tə'wɔ:d(z)/ [v phrase not in passive] to move in the direction of something or someone, especially directly or in a determined way: *The bus was heading towards the Friedrich-Strasse railway station.* | *They saw the patrol boat turn and head towards them.*

**make/head for** /'meɪk, 'hed fɔ:r/ [phr v T] to move quickly towards somewhere, especially so that you can do something when you get there: *As he made for the door he tripped and fell heavily.* | *We headed for the nearest island to try and repair our boat.*

**make a beeline for** /,meɪk ə 'bi:lɪn fɔ:r/ [v phrase] to walk directly to a place or person as quickly as possible, especially because there is something you want there or someone you want to talk to: *I made a beeline for the bar and ordered myself a double whisky.* | *Jeff made a beeline for a table where two pretty Russian girls were sitting.*

**advance on** /əd'vɑ:ns ən||-'væns-/ [phr v T] written to move towards someone or something, especially in order to attack them: *In May 1681 a force of about 2500 troops advanced on Mondovi.* | *He moved towards her as though he was advancing on a dangerous animal.*

**approach** /ə'prəʊtʃ/ [v I/T] written to come towards a particular person or place: *As they approached the wood, a deer ran out of the trees.* | *We walked silently, so they would not hear us approach.*

### 3 to go towards someone because you want to speak to them

- ▶ **come up to**
- ▶ **approach**
- ▶ **sidle up**

**come up to** /,kʌm 'ʌp tu:/ [phr v T not in passive] to walk towards someone and stop next to them, especially because you want to say something: *An old guy come up to me in the street and asked for a dime for coffee.* | *Total strangers used to come up to me and tell me how much they'd enjoyed the show.*

**approach** /ə'prəʊtʃ/ [v T] to walk towards someone you do not know, especially so that you can ask them something: *A tourist approached us and asked us the way to the theatre.* | *Several people approached Fleming as he left the hall.* | *She was approached by a waiter.*

**sidle up** /,saɪdl 'ʌp/ [phr v I] to move quietly towards someone, trying not to be noticed, so that they do not realize you are there until you are next to them: *I was sitting in the back row, when Harry sidled up and sat down next to me.* | **+ to** *He sidled up to me without a word and slipped a note in my pocket.*

## town

### RELATED WORDS

- opposite: **country (13-14)**
- ▶ **area of a town** see **area (2)**



## 1 a town

- ▶ town
- ▶ city
- ▶ village
- ▶ settlement

**town** /taʊn/ [n C] a place where a lot of people live with houses, streets, shops etc: *More and more people were seeking work in the growing towns.* | *The town is situated some 23 miles north of London.* | *a small town in the Midwest* | **a seaside/industrial/market town** *La Coruna is a pretty seaside town on the north-western tip of Spain.* | **part of town** *Steyne Street was a narrow street in a shabby but respectable part of town.* | **the town of Warrington/Poitiers/Kimball etc** *written A large sign announced that we were entering the town of Knock.* | **town and country** (=people who live in towns and people who live in the country) *deep divisions in wealth between town and country*

**city** /'sɪti/ [n C] a big and important town that is often the centre of government for an area, has a lot of trade and industry, and is likely to contain important political, educational, or religious institutions: *You should visit San Francisco. It's a beautiful city.* | *The major industrial cities were getting increasingly overcrowded.* | **a big/crowded/medieval etc city** *I was alone in a big city in a new country.* | *Leeds is a thriving, vibrant, and prosperous city.* | **the city of Belfast/Jerusalem/Boston etc** *written The city of Barcelona is famous for its wonderful architecture.* | *the ancient city of Damascus*

**village** /'vɪlɪdʒ/ [n C] a very small town in the country: *There are some nice little pubs in the villages round here.* | *She left her village in the north of Thailand and went to live in Bangkok.*

**settlement** /'setlmənt/ [n C] a place where people come to live for the first time and where they build a village or town: *She lived in a small settlement on the edge of the desert.* | *Settlements started to appear all along the river.* | *The tools were found in an early Iron Age settlement.*

## 2 the centre of a town or city

- ▶ centre
- ▶ downtown
- ▶ in/into town
- ▶ inner city

**centre** British /**center** American /'sentə/ [n C] the part of a town or city where most of the shops, banks, theatres etc are: *a charming little town with an unspoiled medieval centre* | **+ of** *I work in the centre of London, so I can easily go shopping after work.* | **city centre** British /**city center** American *A bomb went off in the city center and 19 people were killed.* | **town centre** British *She's gone into the town centre to do some shopping.*

**downtown** /,daʊn'taʊn/ [adv] American in or to the part of a city where most of the shops, banks, theatres etc are: *She lives in a really beautiful apartment downtown.* | **go downtown** *I have to go downtown later.* — **downtown** /'daʊntaʊn/ [n singular] *The downtown was deserted that night.*

**in/into town** /m, intə 'taʊn/ [adv] British spoken in or into the centre of a town or city: *I suggest we meet somewhere in town and have lunch together.* | *He bought us tickets to the best show in town.* | *I'm going into town. Do you want anything?* | *Can you give me a lift into town?*

**inner city** /,ɪnə 'sɪti/ [n C] the areas that are close to the centre of a big city, especially where many poorer people live and there are often social problems – use this especially in political and economic contexts: *policies aimed at revitalizing America's*

*inner cities* | **the inner city** *Suburban styles of life are very different from those in the inner city.* — **inner-city** [adj only before noun] *Crime is a big problem in inner-city areas.* | *children from inner-city schools*

## 3 the areas at the edge of a town or city

- ▶ suburb
- ▶ outskirts
- ▶ out-of-town
- ▶ urban sprawl

**suburb** /'sʌbɜːr/ [n C] an area around the edges of a city, where many people live because it is quieter and there is more space than in the centre **+ of** *I was born and brought up in a suburb of New York City.* | **the suburbs** *More and more people are moving to the suburbs every year.* | *All the social workers come in from their comfortable homes in the suburbs.* | **a wealthy/middle-class/respectable etc suburb** *They have just bought a house in Pacific Palisades, a wealthy suburb of Los Angeles.* — **suburban** /sə'bɜːrən/ [adj] *a typical suburban house*

**outskirts** /'aʊtskɜːts/ [n plural] the area around the edge of a city or just outside it: *The Cité De Science is a futuristic complex in the Parisian outskirts.* | **on the outskirts** *His body was discovered on the city's outskirts three days later.* | **the outskirts of Tokyo/London etc** *By 9 o'clock we reached the outskirts of Berlin.* | **the outskirts of town** *There are plans to build a new shopping mall on the outskirts of town.*

**out-of-town** /,aʊt əv 'taʊn/ [adj only before noun] British **out-of-town** shops, cinemas etc are built outside a town, so that people from the town have to drive to them: *an out-of-town shopping centre* | *Town centre shops face a threat from large out-of-town developments which offer hundreds of shops under one roof.*

**urban sprawl** /,ɜːrən 'sprɔːl/ [n U] a large area of buildings, factories etc around the edges of a city that used to be countryside – use this to describe places that are ugly, noisy, or unpleasant: *At that time, little was done to control the urban sprawl.* | *The natural habitats of Britain's wildlife have been ravaged by urban sprawl and pollution.*

## 4 the town where you are from

- ▶ home town
- ▶ home

▶ see also **come from, home**

**home town** /,həʊm 'taʊn/ [n C] the town where you were born, where you lived as a child, or where you live now: *Sarajevo is my home town and I did not want to leave.* | **+ of** *Johnson lived in Seattle for ten years before returning to his home town of Cody, Wyoming.*

**home** /həʊm/ [n C] the place where you were born or the place where you usually live, especially if this is where you feel happy and want to live: *Her home, she said, was in Hong Kong, but she hadn't been there since she was a child.* | **feel like home** *I've lived in Madrid for many years, and it feels like home to me now.*

## 5 the biggest or most important town in a country or area

- ▶ capital
- ▶ metropolis

**capital** /'kæpɪtl/ [n C] the town or city where the government of a country or area is: *Rome is one of*



the world's most beautiful capitals. | + of What's the capital of Canada? | **capital city** The tour includes a trip to Budapest, Hungary's capital city. | **state/regional/provincial etc capital** Sacramento is the state capital of California.

**metropolis** /mɛ'trɒpəlɪs||mɛ'trɑː-/ [n C usually singular] the largest, most important city in a country or area – use this especially to emphasize that a city is busy and full of people and activity: *After 1850 Paris grew quickly into a busy metropolis. | They drove quickly, leaving the immense metropolis behind them.* | + of *Our aim is to make Sydney the musical metropolis of the world.*

## 6 relating to or in a town

- ▶ **town**
- ▶ **city**
- ▶ **village**
- ▶ **urban**
- ▶ **civic**
- ▶ **municipal**
- ▶ **downtown**
- ▶ **metropolitan**

**town** /taʊn/ [adj only before noun] The town council has proposed a new road building project. | With better town planning, traffic problems could be avoided. | **town square** (=a square in the centre of a town) A market is held daily in the town square.

**city** /'sɪti/ [adj only before noun] relating to or in a city: *The city library cost over \$15 million to build. | Residents blame city officials for poor housing conditions. | the city authorities* | **city streets** Beneath the city streets is a network of sewers. | **city life** City life is becoming increasingly dangerous.

**village** /'vɪlɪdʒ/ [adj only before noun] British relating to a village: *There is a village festival every year at the beginning of May. | Has village life changed significantly in the last few years?* | **village shop/school/hall etc** We have a church, one pub and a village shop.

**urban** /'zːr'bən/ [adj only before noun] relating to towns and cities, the people who live in them, or the things that happen in them: *The problem of air pollution is especially serious in urban areas. | China's growing urban population | post-war urban planning | urban growth*

**civic** /'sɪvɪk/ [adj only before noun] relating to the government of a city or town: *Civic leaders cannot agree on what is best for the city. | An important civic function is taking place in the city hall this evening. | Harlow Council has always been generous with civic funding for music and the arts. | It is the civil duty of every citizen to vote.*

**municipal** /mjuː'nɪsɪpəl||mjʊ-/ [adj only before noun] relating to the government of a town or city or to the public services it provides: *Municipal elections will be held on April 12th. | Not far from the town centre is the municipal park. | The museum and other municipal buildings are threatened.*

**downtown** /'daʊntaʊn/ [adj only before noun] American in or belonging to the main business area in the centre of a town or city: *Taylor worked in a dingy little office in downtown Chicago. | Many downtown department stores are moving out into the wealthier suburbs. | a downtown hotel*

**metropolitan** /,metrə'pɒlɪtən||-'pɑː-/ [adj only before noun] relating to a large city: *Some workers can only afford homes outside metropolitan areas. | the metropolitan authorities*

# tradition

a belief or custom that has existed among a group of people for a very long time

## RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **conventional/unconventional, habit**

## 1 a tradition

- ▶ **tradition**
- ▶ **traditional**
- ▶ **custom**
- ▶ **customary**
- ▶ **institution**

**tradition** /trə'dɪʃən/ [n C] a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has existed for a very long time in a particular country or among a particular group of people: *A lot of the old traditions are dying out. | Every village has its own traditions.* | + of *The region has a tradition of winemaking which goes back to Roman times.* | + that *It's still the tradition here that the eldest son inherits all the family's money and land.* | **family tradition** *We always go for a long walk on Christmas morning – it's a family tradition.*

**traditional** /trə'dɪʃənəl/ [adj] belonging to the traditions of a country or group of people – use this about music, food, clothes, customs etc: *A group of children will perform traditional dances. | traditional African/French/English etc* *The dancers were wearing traditional African costume. | The restaurant offers a wide range of traditional French food. | it is traditional to do sth* *In the US it is traditional to dress up in costumes on Halloween.* — **traditionally** [adv] *a special dish that is traditionally eaten at New Year*

**custom** /'kʌstəm/ [n C] a way of behaving that has existed for a long time among a group of people, and is considered normal or polite – use this especially to talk about other countries or other times: *Sadly, a lot of the old customs are now dying out.* | + of *The custom of sending birthday cards began in the 19th century.* | **it is the custom (for sb) to do sth** *It is the custom in Japan to take your shoes off when you go into someone's house. | In those days it was the custom for farmers to give part of their crop to the lord of the manor.*

**customary** /'kʌstəməri||-meri/ [adj] something that is customary is considered normal or polite because it is the way it is usually done by a group of people: *The man at the hotel welcomed us with the customary greeting. | it is customary (for sb) to do sth* *It is customary for the man to propose to the woman.*

**institution** /,ɪnstɪ'tjuːʃən||-'tuː-/ [n C usually singular] a custom, belief or way of doing something that has become established and accepted as part of normal life among a particular group of people: *Trading in ivory had become an institution in this part of Africa.* | + of *Church leaders are meeting this week to discuss ways of preserving the institution of marriage.*

## 2 all the customs and beliefs of a country or group

- ▶ **tradition**
- ▶ **folklore**
- ▶ **heritage**
- ▶ **culture**

**tradition** /trə'dɪʃən/ [n U] all the beliefs and ways of behaving that have existed for a very long time in a



particular country or among a particular group of people: *There is great respect for tradition among the older members of the community.* | **by tradition** (=according to a tradition) *By tradition, it is the bride's parents who pay for the wedding.*

**folklore** /'fəʊklɔːr/ [n U] old stories which the people in a country or area have told each other for a very long time, and which often contain historical or religious ideas **according to folklore** *According to folklore, King Arthur will one day return to become King of Britain.* | **in folklore** *In folklore the snake is often a symbol of evil.*

**heritage** /'herɪtɪdʒ/ [n U] art, literature, and traditions that are considered to belong as a right to all the people in a society, especially because they form an important part of a country's history: *The town takes great pride in its architectural heritage.* | **national heritage** *These works of art are considered of great importance to Russia's national heritage.* | **+ of** *The castle is part of the heritage of Wales and should be preserved for the people of Wales.*

**culture** /'kʌltʃə/ [n C/U] all the customs, beliefs, and practices of a particular society or among a particular group of people: *The trip offers you a unique opportunity to experience the culture of the remote hill tribes of the north.* | *In what ways do British and Australian culture differ?*

### 3 a special event that is part of a tradition

- ▶ ceremony
- ▶ ceremonial
- ▶ ritual
- ▶ rite

**ceremony** /'serɪməni/-məʊni/ [n C] a special formal event which is part of the religious or social tradition of a place, and in which there is a fixed set of words and actions **wedding/funeral etc ceremony** *After the wedding ceremony we went to a reception at the bride's parents' house.* | **hold a ceremony** (=have a ceremony) *A ceremony is held every year to remember those who died in the war.* | **attend a ceremony** *Over 2,000 people attended the official opening ceremony of the Olympic Games.*

**ceremonial** /,serɪ'məʊniəl/ [adj only before noun] **ceremonial** clothes, objects, and activities are used in important religious or social ceremonies: *The Queen was in full ceremonial dress for the state opening of Parliament.* | *His right hand rested on his ceremonial sword.* | *The full costume is only worn on important ceremonial occasions.*

**ritual** /'rɪtʃuəl/ [n C/U] a set of words and actions that are always done in the same way, for example as part of a religious ceremony: *The book examines rituals for childbirth from different parts of the world.* | *After an elaborate ritual, the boys are formally accepted into the tribe.* | **perform a ritual** *The ritual is performed in order to thank the Sun Goddess for the rice harvest.*

**rite** /raɪt/ [n C] a special action that is done as part of an important religious or social ceremony, especially one that only particular people, for example priests, are allowed to perform: *Buddhist rites* | **perform a rite** *The Batak chieftains perform the traditional initiation rite.* | **last rites** (=final prayers and ceremonies for someone who is dying) *A priest was called to perform last rites for the dying woman.* | **funeral rites** *The body cannot be buried until the funeral rites have been performed.*

### 4 to not do something in the usual or traditional way

- ▶ break with tradition/break with the past
- ▶ a break with tradition/a break with the past

**break with tradition/break with the past** /breɪk wɪð trə'dɪʃən, breɪk wɪð ðə 'pɑːst/-'pæst/ [v phrase] to stop doing things the way they have always been done in the past: *The Church has finally broken with tradition and allowed women into the ministry.* | *I think it's time to break with the past and rewrite the constitution.*

**a break with tradition/a break with the past** /ə breɪk wɪð trə'dɪʃən, ə breɪk wɪð ðə 'pɑːst/-'pæst/ [n phrase] when you stop doing things the way they have always been done in the past: *In a significant break with tradition, the Queen will not attend this year's ceremony.* | *Political leaders are calling for a break with the past and a new spirit of cooperation.*

## translate

to change writing or speech into another language

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also language, meaning, word, phrase or sentence, explain

### 1 to translate something

- ▶ translate
- ▶ interpret
- ▶ put sth into English/French/Japanese etc

**translate** /træns'leɪt, trænz-/ [v I/T] to change one language, especially in a piece of writing, into another: *She has translated a number of his books.* | **translate sth from sth** *Michael Meyer translated the play from the original Norwegian.* | **translate sth into sth** *Can you translate this into French?* | *The book has been translated into 27 languages.* | **translate from sth into sth** *The best translators usually translate from a foreign language into their native language.* — **translation** [n U] *Most computer programs that do automatic translation do not do a very good job.* | **simultaneous translation** (=the process of translating what someone is saying while they say it) *Courtroom interpreters provided simultaneous translation.*

**interpret** /ɪn'tɜːrprɪt/ [v I/T] to immediately translate what is being said to someone in a foreign language, so that it can be understood or replied to: *No one in our tour group spoke Spanish so we had to ask the guide to interpret.* | *We'll have to find someone who speaks Chinese to interpret the questions and answers for our guests.* | **+ for** *I had to interpret for my boss on the last trip to Japan.* | *During lunch, Ben interpreted for Sasha, who didn't speak a word of English.*

**put sth into English/French/Japanese etc** /put (sth) ɪntu 'ɪŋɡlɪʃ/ [v phrase] British to translate a short piece of writing into a foreign language: *I've written a birthday message for Fabio. Could you put it into Italian for me?* | *You lived in Berlin – help me put this into German.*



## 2 something which has been translated

- ▶ **translation**
- ▶ **in translation**
- ▶ **version**

**translation** /træns'leɪʃən, trænz-/ [n C] a piece of language, especially a piece of writing, that has been changed from one language into another: *Many of the poems are translations, but the sounds and rhythms are similar to the original language.* | **Spanish/English/Latin etc translation** *It is a Latin translation of a Greek manuscript.* | + **of** *I've only read the English translation of the book, not the Japanese original.* | **direct translation** *'It goes without saying' is a direct translation of a French phrase.* | **be lost in (the) translation** (=when the real meaning of something cannot be translated in a completely satisfactory way) *Much of the humour of the book was unfortunately lost in translation.* | **lose sth in (the) translation** *His arguments are still powerful, but I think they lose some impact in translation.*

**version** /'vɜːrʃən||-ʒən/ [n C] **English/Japanese/French etc version** (=a translation of a book, poem etc in that language) *Most people would agree that the Italian version sounds better.* | + **of** *I had trouble understanding the French, so I got the English version of the book from the library and read it.*

**in translation** /ɪn træns'leɪʃən/ [adv] if you read something **in translation**, you read it after it has been translated from another language: *I don't really like reading poetry in translation.* | *All of Brecht's plays are available in translation.*

## 3 someone who translates

- ▶ **translator**
- ▶ **interpreter**

**translator** /træns'leɪtər, trænz-/ [n C] someone who translates from one language to another: *She worked in Geneva as a translator.* | *The publishers are looking for an American translator for his novels.* | **through a translator** (=using a translator) *Speaking through a translator, Li told of his early life.*

**interpreter** /ɪn'tɜːrprɪtər/ [n C] someone who immediately translates spoken language, for example when politicians from different countries are speaking to each other: *If I'm going to make the speech, I'll need an interpreter.* | *Both Presidents were accompanied by their interpreters.* | **through an interpreter** (=using an interpreter) *The only way we could figure out what they were saying was through an interpreter.*

# travel

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **go, holiday/vacation, drive, leave, arrive, stop, return, road/path, direction, way (9-10)**

## 1 to travel to a place

- ▶ **go**
- ▶ **travel**
- ▶ **go on a trip/take a trip**
- ▶ **make a journey**
- ▶ **en route**
- ▶ **be on the move**
- ▶ **cross**

**go** /gəʊ/ [v I] to go to a place that is away from where you live, especially for a holiday or for business: *My*

*parents are in the Caribbean for Christmas, but I couldn't go this year.* | + **(over/out/up/down) to** *We're going to Malta this summer.* | *We went up to Montreal for a long weekend.* | *She's been out to Africa several times on diplomatic visits.*

**travel** /'trævəl/ [v I] to make a journey from one place to another – use this to talk about going to a place that is a long way from your home or when you are going to many different places: *I love to travel.* | + **from/to/across/through etc** *We travelled from China to Russia by train.* | *They had been travelling over the dry desert terrain for five days.*

**go on a trip/take a trip** /,gəʊ ɒn ə 'trɪp, teɪk ə 'trɪp/ [v phrase] to go somewhere for a short time before returning home: *The geography class has taken a trip to Wales.* | *I'm going on a business trip to Japan next week.* | + **to/through/up/around etc** *We decided to go on a trip through the Rocky Mountains in the spring.* | *Let's take a trip up the Rhine and stop at some of the castles along the way.*

**make a journey** /,meɪk ə 'dʒɜːrni/ [v phrase] especially British to travel to a place, especially when it is a long way away and the journey is difficult: *Every year he was supposed to go, and every year he could think of excuses for not making the journey.* | *When the tribe ran out of food, they had no choice but to make the journey north to more fertile ground.*

**en route** /,ɒn 'ruːt||,ɑːn-/ [adv] on the way to somewhere: *We stopped en route to meet some friends in Brussels.* | + **to/from/for** *The flight was en route from Tokyo to Sydney when it experienced engine trouble.*

**be on the move** /biː ɒn ðə 'muːv/ [v phrase] to travel from one place to another, especially because it is difficult or impossible for you to stay where you were: *He was always on the move, never staying in one town more than a few days.* | *The guerrillas stay on the move to avoid capture.* | *Thousands of refugees are on the move, fleeing heavy shelling in their home towns.*

**cross** /krɒs||krɔːs/ [v T] to travel across a very large area such as a desert, an ocean, or an area of mountains: *It took a lot of courage to cross the Rocky Mountains in those days.* | *They crossed the Atlantic in a convoy of fifty ships.*

## 2 the activity of travelling

- ▶ **travel**

**travel** /'trævəl/ [n U] *Her interests are politics, music, and travel.* | *a travel programme* | + **from/to/between etc** *In the 19th century, travel between the two countries was extremely difficult.* | **air/space/road/etc travel** *Future generations can possibly look forward to space travel as a holiday option.*

## 3 different ways of travelling

- ▶ **drive**
- ▶ **fly**
- ▶ **sail**
- ▶ **by car/boat/plane/train**
- ▶ **on foot**
- ▶ **take**
- ▶ **by air/by sea/by land**
- ▶ **overland**
- ▶ **hitchhike/hitch**
- ▶ **backpacking**

**drive** /draɪv/ [v I] to travel in a car: *'How are you going to get there?' 'I'm driving.'* | + **to/from** *Jenny drove to the coast for the weekend.*

**fly** /flaɪ/ [v I] to travel by plane: *My mother never liked flying.* | + **to/from etc** *We'll be flying from New York to Munich.*



**sail** /seɪl/ [v I] to travel by boat or ship: *We sail first thing in the morning* | + **to/from** *He sailed from Southampton on May 6th.*

**by car/boat/plane/train** /baɪ 'kɑːr, 'bəʊt, 'pleɪn, 'treɪn/ [adv] travelling in a car, boat, plane, or train: *'Did you come by car?' 'No, by train.'* | *Some of the beaches can only be reached by boat.* | *We didn't have much time, so we decided to go by plane.*

**on foot** /ɒn 'fʊt/ [adv] if you go somewhere **on foot**, you walk there: *The two men had attempted to cross the mountains on foot.*

**take** /teɪk/ [v T] if you **take** a train, bus, or plane, you travel in it: *What's the best way to get downtown? Should I take a bus?* | *Take the subway to Montgomery Station and walk from there.*

**by air/by sea/by land** /baɪ 'eə, baɪ 'siː, baɪ 'lænd/ [adv] if you travel **by air**, **by sea**, or **by land** you travel by plane, in a boat, or on land: *It's much quicker if you go by air, but it's also more expensive.* | *Troops entered the region by land and sea.*

**overland** /ˌəʊvər'lænd/ [adv] by train, car, bus etc, especially over a long distance, when people would normally go by plane or ship: *It's certainly quicker to fly but we thought it would be more exciting to go overland.* — **overland** [adj only before noun] *The overland route is very difficult at times.*

**hitchhike/hitch** ALSO **hitch a ride** American /'hɪtʃhaɪk, hɪtʃ, 'hɪtʃ ə 'raɪd/ [v I/v I/T] to travel by standing by the side of the road asking people in cars to stop and take you to the place you want to go: *He lost all his money in a casino in Vegas and had to hitchhike back to San Francisco.* | *We hitched a ride with a trucker who took us all the way to the Virginia border.* | *It's a lot cheaper to hitch but it's also more dangerous.*

**backpacking** /'bæk.pækɪŋ/ [n U] the activity of travelling independently to a lot of different areas, carrying your clothes etc in a special bag on your back: *Backpacking is especially popular among students and young people.* | *a backpacking trip* | **go backpacking** *Last year, he went backpacking in the US.*

## 4 to travel a particular distance

- ▶ go
- ▶ do
- ▶ cover

**go** /gəʊ/ [v T] **go 40 miles/five kilometres etc** to travel a particular distance, especially as only part of a journey: *We had only gone about five miles when I started to feel sick.* | *How far have we gone today?*

**do** /duː/ [v T] especially British **do 20 miles/30 kilometres etc** to travel for 20 miles, 30 kilometres etc: *We were riding through the hills, but we still managed to do 30 miles each day.* | *I bought the car for £3500, and it's only done 30,000 miles!*

**cover** /'kʌvər/ [v T] to travel a particular distance, especially a long distance, that is part of a longer journey you are making: *It took him three days to cover the distance from Laingsbury to Albertsville.* | *In one twenty-five day period, he covered 800 miles.*

## 5 when you travel somewhere without stopping

- ▶ non-stop
- ▶ direct

**non-stop** /ˌnɒn 'stɒp, ˌnɑːn 'stɑːp/ [adj/adv] if you travel somewhere **non-stop**, especially on a plane, you do not stop until you get there: *You can fly non-*

*stop to Hong Kong, but it's more expensive.* | **non-stop flight/trip/voyage etc** *Is there a non-stop flight to Delhi?*

**direct** /dɪ'rekt, ˌdaɪ'rekt/ [adj/adv] without stopping on a journey or without changing from one train, plane etc to another: *There isn't a direct flight – you'll have to change planes in Miami.* | *With this ticket you can travel direct from Paris to Berlin overnight.*

## 6 to travel to another country

- ▶ go abroad
- ▶ go overseas
- ▶ visit
- ▶ go out to

**go abroad** /ˌgəʊ ə'brɔɪd/ [v phrase] to travel to another country, especially for pleasure and interest: *Here's a list of things to think about before you go abroad.* | *I'm the only person I know who's never been abroad or even on a plane.* | **be abroad** *When their mother died she was unable to contact her brother because he was abroad somewhere.*

**go overseas** /ˌgəʊ əʊvər'siːz/ [v phrase] to travel to another country in order to stay there for a long time, for example because you have been sent to work there: *I wrote a letter to the interviewer, explaining that I was going overseas for six months.* | *The soldiers underwent training for three months before the unit went overseas.*

**visit** /'vɪzɪt/ [v T] to travel to another country for a short time, especially because you want to find out what it is like: *He was the first traveller from the British Isles to visit Abyssinia.* | *Thousands of Americans visit Thailand each year.*

**go out to** /ˌgəʊ 'aʊt tuː/ [phr v T not in passive] British to travel to another country that is a long way away: *He went out to West Africa in 1962 and has been there ever since.* | *The Chief Financial Officer went out to Korea to oversee the merger.*

## 7 to travel as part of your job

- ▶ travel
- ▶ commute
- ▶ tour
- ▶ be on tour

**travel** /'trævəl/ [v I] *Do you have to travel a lot in your new job?* | *The post will involve you travelling to Germany about three times a year.* — **travelling** British /**traveling** American [n U] *The job involves a certain amount of travelling.*

**commute** /kə'mjuːt/ [v I] to travel every day to get to work because you live in a different city or town from the one you work in: *I don't mind commuting on the train as long as I have a good book to read.* | *Kendall commutes into the city every day from Waltham.*

**tour** /tuər/ [v I/T] if a sports team, entertainer, politician etc **tours**, they travel to many different places in order to play, perform, or be seen: *Haynes recorded with Charlie Parker and toured with Sarah Vaughan in the 1950s.* | *The theatre company will tour later this year.* | **tour the country/the US/Russia etc** *The team is currently touring Australia in a series of friendly games.*

**be on tour** /biː ɒn 'tuər/ [v phrase] if a musician, actor, sportsman etc is **on tour**, he or she is travelling to many different places so that people can see them play or perform: *Jennings is currently on tour, promoting and reading from his new children's book.* | *At the moment the band is on tour in Europe.*



## 8 to travel to a lot of different places

- ▶ travel around
- ▶ tour
- ▶ do
- ▶ get around
- ▶ explore
- ▶ see the world
- ▶ on your travels

**travel around** ALSO **travel round** British /ˈtrævəl əˈraʊnd, ˈtrævəl ˈraʊnd/ [phr v I/T] to travel to a lot of different places, especially when you do not plan exactly where you are going: *David travelled around a lot in the '60s and '70s.* | **travel around Europe/the North/Canada etc** *I'd love to have a job that let me travel around the world.* | *She's been traveling around the country trying to get big companies interested in her ideas.*

**tour** /tuər/ [v T] British to travel to a lot of different places within a particular area or country, especially for pleasure and interest: *For our summer vacation this year we're touring Spain in a camper.* | *We shall tour the city for two hours and then meet back at the bus.*

**do** /du:/ [v T] spoken to travel to a lot of different places in a particular area, especially as part of a holiday: *Last year we did the Greek Islands but we were thinking of the USA this year.* | *There's not a whole lot to see, so you can do the city in two or three days.*

**get around** ALSO **get round** British /ˌget əˈraʊnd, ˌget ˈraʊnd/ [phr v I/T] to travel to a large number of places, usually in a short time: *The metro system in Mexico City is very good. It makes it really easy to get around.* | **get around London/Europe/the Midwest etc** *You can use free shuttle buses to get around the city.*

**explore** /ɪkˈsplɔːr/ [v I/T] to travel to many different places in a particular area, because you are interested to find out more about them: *We'll be in Istanbul for three days, so there will be plenty of time to explore.* | *Whenever possible, she and Flynn would go off and explore the countryside, taking a picnic with them.*

**see the world** /ˌsiː ðə ˈwɜːrld/ [v phrase] to travel around to different places all over the world so that you get the experience of living in other countries: *After leaving college and earning some money he set off to see the world.*

**on your travels** /ɒn jɔːr ˈtrævəlz/ [adv] if you do something **on your travels**, you do it while you are travelling to different places: *I picked up a few words of Chinese on my travels, but I don't speak it fluently.* | **+ to** *Corbett met a number of his contacts on his travels to Taiwan.*

## 9 a journey

- ▶ journey
- ▶ trip
- ▶ tour
- ▶ flight
- ▶ ride
- ▶ drive
- ▶ crossing
- ▶ voyage
- ▶ expedition
- ▶ trek

**journey** /ˈdʒɜːrni/ [n C] especially British the period you spend travelling from one place to another – use this especially about someone travelling for a long distance or when talking about someone regularly travelling somewhere, for example to school or work: *We had an awful journey – there was heavy snow and the car broke down* | **bus/train/car etc journey** *It was a long train journey to St Petersburg.* | **a two-hour/five-mile journey** *They arrived in Nice after an eight-hour journey by car.* | **make a journey** *These birds make an incredible 10,000-kilometre journey to Africa every winter.*

**trip** /trɪp/ [n C] a journey in which you go to a place, stay there for a short time, and then come back. In American English, **trip** can be used to mean any journey: *We had a fantastic trip – the flight was fine and the hotel was perfect.* | *The trip to the coast took longer than we expected.* | **take a trip/go on a trip** *They decided to take a trip to Paris.* | **on a trip** (=taking a trip) *My husband's away on a business trip in China.* | **business/school/skiing etc trip** *My dad and I used to go on a camping trip alone together every summer.* | **a two-hour/five-mile etc trip** American *It's only a three-hour trip by plane to Seattle.* | **boat/car/plane etc trip** *It's such a nice day – how about going on a boat trip?* | **road trip** American (=a long trip in a car) *My friend and I took several road trips to New York City.*

**tour** /tuər/ [n C] a journey for pleasure during which you visit several different towns, areas etc. A **tour** is also an organized journey made by an entertainer, sports team, or politician in order to perform, play, or speak in several places: *Did you see Bruce Springsteen on his last tour?* | **+ of** *We took a bicycle tour of Tuscany.* | *The prime minister has left for a three-week tour of South America.* | **on tour** *Norton is on tour promoting her new children's book.* | **a leg of a tour** (=part of a tour) *The last leg of the tour will take the team to Dallas.* | **package tour** (=planned holiday with all costs included) *They like to take package tours because they hate dealing with details.*

**flight** /flaɪt/ [n C] a journey in a plane: *All flights to Tokyo were delayed because of bad weather.* | **a 30-minute/3-hour etc flight** *It's a 7-hour flight to New York.*

**ride** /raɪd/ [n C] a short journey in a vehicle such as a car, or on a bicycle or a horse: *He pretended to be asleep for the entire two hour ride.* | **bike/car/horse etc ride** *On the car ride back from the airport he told her all about his trip.* | **go for a ride** (=ride somewhere just for enjoyment) *She took me to see the horse and asked if I wanted to go for a ride.*

**drive** /draɪv/ [n singular] a journey in a car: *It's a beautiful day for a drive in the country.* | **a 12-hour/15-minute etc drive** *It's about a 20-minute drive into the city from here.* | **take a drive/go for a drive** *Let's take a drive out to the farm.*

**crossing** /ˈkrɒsɪŋ/ [n C] a short journey in a boat or ship from one side of a lake, river, or sea to the other: *The crossing from Dover to Calais is often very rough.*

**voyage** /ˈvɔɪ-ɪdʒ/ [n C] a long journey in a boat or ship: *In those days, the voyage to Australia was long and dangerous.*

**expedition** /ˌɛkspɪˈdɪʃən/ [n C] a long journey, especially one made by a group of people, to visit a dangerous place or a place that has never been visited before: *The purpose of the expedition was to explore the North American coastline.* | *an expedition to the North Pole*

**trek** /trek/ [n C] a long and difficult journey, for example over mountains or through forests, especially when you are walking. Some people also go on treks for interest and enjoyment: *The team is preparing for a two week trek across the Atlas Mountains.*

## 10 a short journey

- ▶ go out for the day
- ▶ day trip
- ▶ a commute
- ▶ outing
- ▶ excursion

**go out for the day** /gəʊ ˌaʊt fər ðə ˈdeɪ/ [v phrase] to visit a beach, an area of countryside, a town etc for



pleasure and come back home on the same day: *It's such a lovely day – let's go out for the day and visit the zoo.*

**day trip** /'deɪ trɪp/ [n C] a visit to a beach, an area of countryside, a town etc when you go there and come back the same day: *It would be nice to take a day trip to Chicago to do some shopping.*

**a commute** /ə kə'mju:t/ [n C usually singular] a journey that someone makes each day to work, especially when they live a fairly long way away from their work: *The commute from Kent into London can be horrendous.* | **a 1-hour/20-minute etc commute** *I had no money, two small children, and a 90-minute commute to work each day.*

**outing** /'aʊtɪŋ/ [n C] a short journey on which a group of people go to visit a local place of interest, the theatre etc + **to** *Mrs Pollack took her class on an outing to the local museum.* | **school/church etc outing** *a school outing to the ballet*

**excursion** /ɪk'skɜ:ʃən||-ʒən/ [n C] a short journey arranged so that a group of people can visit a place of interest, especially while they are already on holiday: *The resort also offers daily excursions to nearby towns.* | + **to** *One day he took an excursion to the other end of the island for a change of scene.*

## 11 someone who is travelling

- ▶ traveller
- ▶ passenger
- ▶ commuter
- ▶ tourist
- ▶ travelling
- ▶ well-travelled
- ▶ jet-setter
- ▶ backpacker

**traveller** British /**traveler** American /'trævələ/ [n C] *Many travellers find that facilities for young children are often inadequate.* | *Travelers going to malarial regions should see their doctor before they start.* | **air/rail/sea etc traveller** *80,000 air travellers pass through the terminal every day.* | **business travellers** (=people travelling as part of their job) *These days most airlines concentrate their advertising on business travelers.* | **seasoned traveller** (=someone who has travelled a lot) *As a seasoned traveller I know the value of being able to speak at least a few words of the local language.*

**passenger** /'pæsɪndʒə, -sən-/ [n C] someone who is travelling in a vehicle, boat, or plane, but is not the driver: *The driver and all three passengers were killed in the crash.* | *The airport was jammed with thousands of passengers from delayed or cancelled flights.*

**commuter** /kə'mju:tə/ [n C] someone who lives in a different town, city etc from the one where they work, and who therefore travels a long distance every day to get to work: *It was a small shop that catered to commuters and local workers.* | **commuter train/plane etc** *Each region has one organization controlling buses and operating its commuter trains.*

**tourist** /'tuəɪst/ [n C] someone who travels around and visits places for pleasure, while they are on holiday: *A park ranger was answering the tourists' questions as they looked out over the canyon.* | *A tourist visa is required for most nationalities.*

**travelling** British /**traveling** American /'trævəlɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] moving from place to place in order to work, perform etc: *His father was a travelling salesman and was very rarely at home.* | *The traveling show includes historical films as well as 300 genuine artifacts that kids can handle.*

**well-travelled** British /**well-traveled** American /wel 'trævəld/ [adj] someone who is well-travelled has visited a lot of different places around the

world: *Sanders' parents were well-traveled, well-educated people.*

**jet-setter** /'dʒet ,setə/ [n C] informal a rich and fashionable person who travels a lot: *Duke, heir to a tobacco fortune and an international jet-setter, died at the age of 80.* — **jet-setting** [adj] *He built the hotel to provide accommodation for jet-setting guests at his daughter's wedding.*

**backpacker** /'bæk,pækə/ [n C] someone who travels independently to a lot of different areas, carrying their clothes etc in a special bag on their back: *The bar was full of young Australian backpackers.* | *She runs a downtown hostel for backpackers – the cost only \$5 a night.* | *Fears are growing for the safety of a British backpacker who went missing in Vietnam last week.*

## 12 someone does not live in one particular place

- ▶ migrant
- ▶ drifter
- ▶ nomad
- ▶ vagrant

**migrant** /'maɪgrənt/ [n C] someone who has travelled from one place or country to another in order to find work: *Many of the city's poorest residents are migrants from rural areas.* | *400 migrants won the right to stay in the country yesterday, after a ten-year battle.* — **migrant** [adj] *Life for migrant workers is a constant struggle to survive.*

**drifter** /'drɪftə/ [n C] someone who continually travels from one place to another without ever planning where to go next and without ever having a fixed job: *His grandfather was a drifter from New Mexico, who spent half his life brawling and drinking.*

**nomad** /'nəʊmæd/ [n C] a member of a tribe of people who do not live permanently in one place, but travel around looking for food for their animals, warmer weather etc: *The film follows the nomads as they cross the desert with their camels.* — **nomadic** /nəʊ'mædɪk/ [adj] *The Aborigines are a nomadic people indigenous to Australia.*

**vagrant** ALSO **transient** American /'veɪgrənt, 'trænzɪənt||'trænʃənt/ [n C] someone who has no job, no home etc and who travels around and sleeps outdoors: *City authorities are planning a campaign to get an estimated 300,000 vagrants off the streets.* | *The town has never been particularly welcoming to transients.*

## 13 the place that you are travelling to

- ▶ destination
- ▶ bound
- ▶ be on the way to

**destination** /,destɪ'neɪʃən/ [n C usually singular] *At the border you will be asked your destination and how long you plan to stay.* | *The glorious Inca ruins are the main tourist destination in Peru.* | **arrive at/reach your destination** *By the time he reached his destination, seven days later, he was half-starved and broke.*

**be on the way to** /bi: ɒn ðə 'weɪ tu:/ [v phrase] if you are on the way to somewhere, you are travelling towards it: *We were already on the way to the airport when we realized we'd forgotten our passports.* | *I don't know where she is. She's probably on her way to London by now.*

**bound** /baʊnd/ [adj] travelling in a particular direction + **for** *We passed a ferry full of people bound for*



one of the outer islands. | **eastbound/westbound etc** *It was dark when the southbound international express finally passed by.* | **London-bound/Chicago-bound etc** *Take the London-bound train but get off two stations before the end of the line.*

## 14 a strong desire to travel

► **wanderlust**

► **itchy feet**

**wanderlust** /'wɒndə'last||'wɑ:n-/ [n U] written a strong desire to travel and to experience life in other countries: *It was not wanderlust alone that made him keen to visit Brazil. He thought he might hear news of his natural mother there.*

**itchy feet** /,ɪtʃi 'fi:t/ [n plural] British informal the desire to travel, which makes it difficult for you to stay in one place for very long: *I always get itchy feet at this time of year, in the spring.*

# trick/deceive

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## 1 to trick someone and make them believe something that is not true

- **trick**
- **con**
- **deceive**
- **fool**
- **mislead**
- **set sb up**
- **put one over on**
- **pull the wool over sb's eyes**
- **lead sb on**
- **take sb for a ride**
- **double-cross**
- **dupe**

**trick** /trɪk/ [v T] to make someone believe something that is not true, in order to get something from them or make them do something: *I realized then that I had been tricked, but it was too late.* | *I'm not trying to trick you – just answer the question.* | **trick sb into doing sth** *The old man's sons had tricked him into signing the papers.* | **trick sb out of sth** (=take something from someone by tricking them) *A man posing as an insurance agent tricked her out of thousands of dollars.*

**con** /kɒn||kɑ:n/ [v T] informal to trick someone: *He was trying to con me, and I knew it.* | **con sb into doing sth** *They conned the school district into buying the property.* | **con sb out of sth** (=take something from someone by tricking them) *She conned me out of \$50.*

**deceive** /drɪ'si:v/ [v I/T] especially written to make someone who trusts you believe something that is not true because it is useful for you if they believe it: *This was a deliberate attempt to deceive the public.* | *Many children's lies are unplanned and not actually designed to deceive.* | *All through the summer Paula was deceiving her husband while she was seeing another man.* | **deceive sb into doing sth** *Thousands of home buyers were deceived into buying homes at inflated prices.* | **deceive yourself** *If you think that everyone is happy with the plan, you're deceiving yourself.*

**fool** /fu:l/ [v T] to make someone believe something that is not true by using a clever but simple trick: *His hairpiece doesn't fool anyone.* | **fool sb into doing sth** *They managed to fool the police into thinking*

*they had left the country.* | **have sb fooled** *The brothers' act had us all fooled.* | **you can't fool me** spoken *You can't fool me – I know he's already given you the money.* | **fool yourself** *Maybe I was just fooling myself, but I really thought he liked me.*

**mislead** /mɪs'li:d/ [v I/T] to make people believe something that is not true, by deliberately not giving them all the facts, or by saying something that is only partly true: *The report is a deliberate and obvious attempt to mislead.* | *They were accused of misleading customers about the nutritional value of their product.* | **mislead sb into doing sth** *Agents are accused of misleading clients into signing up for savings plans that were actually insurance policies.*

**set sb up** /,set (sb) 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to trick someone into doing something that they will be punished for or embarrassed by: *He said, following his arrest last fall, that the FBI had set him up.* | *Terry and Donald think I set them up, but it's all a big misunderstanding.*

**put one over on** /,pʊt wʌn 'əʊvər ɒn/ [v phrase not in passive] informal to deceive someone, especially someone who is cleverer than you are, or someone who is not easily deceived: *That's the last time he puts one over on me!* | *Lawyers claim that the tobacco industry, by failing to tell everything it knew about smoking, was putting one over on its customers.*

**pull the wool over sb's eyes** /,pʊl ðə ,wʊl əʊvər (sb's) 'aɪz/ [v phrase] informal to deceive someone, usually by hiding some facts or information: *Don't try and pull the wool over my eyes – I can tell you've been smoking.* | *The politicians are just trying to pull the wool over voters' eyes again.*

**lead sb on** /,li:d (sb) 'ɒn/ [phr v T] to make someone believe you and trust you, especially by making them think you are romantically interested in them: *I can't tell if he really cares about me or if he's just leading me on?* | *I didn't mean to lead Cassie on, but I didn't want to hurt her feelings either.*

**take sb for a ride** /,teɪk (sb) fər ə 'raɪd/ [v phrase] informal to deceive someone, especially so that you can get their money: *I'd already given him £50 when I realized he was taking me for a ride.* | *After the deal was signed, I felt like I'd been taken for a ride.*

**double-cross** /,dʌbəl 'krɒs||-'krɔ:s/ [v T] to cheat someone you pretended to be helping or working with, especially by helping their enemies: *I'm warning you – if you double-cross me, I'll kill you.* | *Harry and Danny double-crossed the gang and escaped with all the money.*

**dupe** /dju:p||du:p/ [v T] informal to trick or deceive someone, especially so that they become involved in someone else's dishonest activity without realizing it: *The spies duped government and military officials alike.* | **dupe sb into doing sth** *The perpetrators of the hoax managed to dupe respectable journalists into printing their story.*

## 2 to be tricked or deceived by someone

- **be tricked/deceived**
- **be taken in**
- **fall for**
- **be fooled**
- **be set up**
- **be duped**

**be tricked/deceived** /bi: 'trɪkt, drɪ'si:vd/ [v phrase] *He knew he'd been tricked, but it was too late to do anything.* | **+ by** *Don't feel bad – you weren't the only one who was deceived by his lies.*

**be taken in** /bi: ,teɪkən 'ɪn/ [v phrase] to be deceived by someone's words or behaviour, so that you



believe something about them that is not true: *He seemed so confident, that I was completely taken in.* | **+ by** *We were all taken in by the scheme and invested far more money than we should have.*

**fall for** /'fɔ:l fɔ:r/ [v T not in passive] to stupidly believe something that is untrue and is intended to deceive you: *Doug is too clever to fall for a story like that!* | *She completely fell for his nonsense about being rich and famous.*

**be fooled** /bi: 'fu:ld/ [v phrase] to be deceived by someone's behaviour, words, or appearance, especially when the result is not serious: *Don't let yourself be fooled – she's not as nice as she seems.* | **+ by** *A lot of people were fooled by what he said, but I was sure he was lying.*

**be set up** /bi: ,set 'ʌp/ [v phrase] to be tricked into doing something that results in you being punished or embarrassed: *I'm innocent! I was set up!* | **+ by** *The young man's claim that he had been set up by the police was eventually supported by several witnesses.*

**be duped** /bi: 'dju:pt- 'du:pt/ [v phrase] to be deceived by someone, especially so that you become involved in their dishonest activity without realizing it: *When the police arrived to arrest her, she realized she had been duped.* | **+ by** *Richie couldn't believe he had been set up and duped by his friends.*

### 3 a trick

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| ▶ <b>trick</b>     | ▶ <b>con game/con</b> |
| ▶ <b>trap</b>      | ▶ <b>put-up job</b>   |
| ▶ <b>deception</b> | ▶ <b>scam</b>         |
| ▶ <b>ruse</b>      | ▶ <b>diversion</b>    |
| ▶ <b>hoax</b>      | ▶ <b>decoy</b>        |

**trick** /trɪk/ [n C] a clever plan designed to make someone believe something that you want them to believe, or do something that you want them to do: *He pretended to be sick as a trick to get her to visit him.* | *Don't send her any money – it might be a trick.* | **a trick question** (=a question that is cleverly designed to make someone give a wrong answer) *He refused to answer, suspecting they were asking him a trick question.*

**trap** /træp/ [n C] a clever plan designed to harm someone, for example by making them go somewhere where they will be caught or attacked, or making them say something they will be punished for: *I didn't take the money with me, because I was worried it might be a trap.* | *Sensing the lawyer's trap, Horvath refused to answer.*

**deception** /drɪ'sepʃən/ [n C] especially written something that is said or done with the deliberate intention of deceiving people: *Ann quickly saw through his lies and deceptions.* | *What began as a misunderstanding quickly became a deliberate deception on the part of the network.*

**ruse** /ru:z||ru:s, ru:z/ [n C] a trick, especially one that is amusing and not very serious: *It was just a ruse to get what I wanted!* | *She asked to use the telephone as a ruse to enter the house.*

**hoax** /həʊks/ [n C] a false warning about something dangerous, given especially to someone in an official position, for example the police: *To everybody's great relief, the bomb scare turned out to be a hoax.* | *I got an email about another computer virus, but I'm pretty sure it's just a hoax.*

**con game/con** /'kɒŋgeɪm||'kɑ:n-, kɒn||kɑ:n/ [n C] informal a trick to get someone's money or make someone do something: *The two men were involved in an elaborate con to cheat investors out of their money.* | *Senior citizens are usually easy targets for con games.*

**put-up job** /'pʊt ʌp ,dʒʌb||-dʒɑ:b/ [n C] when something that happens is not what it seems to be, and is really an attempt to deceive people: *Journalists suspected that the kidnapping was a put-up job.* | *The demonstration was a put-up job, organized by the authorities so they could arrest the cult leaders.*

**scam** /skæm/ [n C] informal a clever and dishonest plan to get money: *The welfare scam was costing the federal government hundreds of thousands of dollars.* | *The offer of a 'free' vacation to Florida sounds like a scam to me.*

**diversion** /daɪ'vɜ:ʃən, dɪ-||-ʒən/ [n C] a trick that is intended to take someone's attention away from what someone else is trying to do: *Some of the prisoners started a fight as a diversion to give the others time to escape.* | **create a diversion** *Rioters created a diversion by setting fire to vehicles close to the police station.*

**decoy** /'di:kɔɪ/ [n C] a person or thing that is used to trick someone by taking their attention away from an illegal or criminal act: *You act as a decoy and we'll sneak out the back.* | *The burglars started the fire as a decoy so that they could escape from police.*

### 4 someone who is deceived

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| ▶ <b>dupe</b>   | ▶ <b>mug</b> |
| ▶ <b>sucker</b> |              |

**dupe** /dju:p||du:p/ [n C] someone who is tricked by someone else, especially so that they become involved in the other person's dishonest plans without realizing it: *Investigators believe Dailey was a dupe for international drug smugglers.* | **unwitting dupe** *Some portray the family as unwitting dupes of conspiracy theorists.*

**sucker** /'sʌkə/ [n C] informal someone who believes everything they are told, even when it is clearly not true: *I know I'm a sucker. I'll give \$10 to anyone who tells me they're hungry or wants a cup of coffee.* | *Some poor suckers had paid more than three times what they should have for the tickets.*

**mug** /mʌg/ [n C] British informal someone who is easily deceived, especially so that they do much more or give much more than is fair or reasonable: *He's asked me to work over the weekend again – he must think I'm some kind of mug.* | *Don't be a mug! That picture's not worth as much as that!*

### 5 someone who tricks other people

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| ▶ <b>con man/con artist/ scam artist</b> | ▶ <b>quack</b>                       |
| ▶ <b>crook</b>                           | ▶ <b>shyster</b>                     |
| ▶ <b>charlatan</b>                       | ▶ <b>snake-oil salesman/ peddler</b> |

**con man/con artist/scam artist** /'kɒn mæn, 'kɒn ,ɑ:tɪst||'kɑ:n-, 'skæm ,ɑ:tɪst/ [n C] someone who tries to get money from people by tricking them: *A pair of con men have been tricking older people in the community out of their life savings.* | *Don't be fooled by con artists who promise enormous returns on your investment with no risk.* | *Petty scam artists victimize tourists on the streets.*

**crook** /krʊk/ [n C] informal a dishonest person who steals things or tricks people: *I wouldn't do business with him – he's a crook.* | *People have accused me of being a crook, but I didn't take any money that wasn't mine.*

**charlatan** /'ʃɑ:rlətən/ [n C] someone who pretends to have special skills and abilities and tricks people into believing them: *Some psychic charlatan con-*



vinced her she was going to die in six months. | Charlatans advertise a variety of fat-reducing treatments in the back of magazines.

**quack** /kwæk/ [n C] informal a dishonest person who pretends to be a doctor who can cure diseases: *Larry paid some quack over a thousand dollars to cure his insomnia.* | *That quack doesn't know anything about treating heart disease.*

**shyster** /'ʃaɪstər/ [n C] American informal a dishonest person, especially a lawyer: *Their lawyer is a shyster who would do anything to win a case.* | *Once the shysters get involved, you can be sure we'll end up in court.*

**snake-oil salesman/peddler** /'sneɪk ɔɪl ,seɪlzmən, 'pedlər/ [n C] American someone who deceives people by persuading them to accept false information, solutions etc that are not effective: *Critics have called the Senator a smooth-talking snake-oil peddler.* | *Latenight TV is full of snake-oil salesmen offering get-rich-quick schemes.*

## 6 when someone tricks or deceives someone

- ▶ deception
- ▶ deceit
- ▶ set up
- ▶ trickery

**deception** /drɪ'sepʃən/ [n U] the act of deceiving someone, especially by telling them lies: *I'm sure many businessmen use some form of deception, at times, to achieve their objectives.* | *She was stunned by the lies and deception her husband had used to hide his affairs.*

**deceit** /drɪ'si:t/ [n U] the act of deceiving someone – use this to show strong disapproval: *His political opponents have accused him of corruption and deceit.* | *He now found himself in a world where deceit was accepted, even expected.*

**set up** /'set ʌp/ [n C] a situation in which someone is tricked into doing something that results in them being punished: *Is this some kind of a set up? Why should I believe you?* | *The whole thing was a set up to get Burley to confess.*

**trickery** /'trɪkəri/ [n U] especially written the use of clever plans or actions to deceive someone: *It was a piece of political trickery that enraged the opposition.* | *He's managed to get as far as he has through slick talking and trickery.*

## 7 intended to deceive

- ▶ deceitful
- ▶ misleading
- ▶ under false pretences

**deceitful** /drɪ'si:tfəl/ [adj] words or actions that are **deceitful** are intended to deceive someone: *He got the contract, but only by being deceitful.* | *I don't trust her. I think she has a deceitful smile.* | *The company has engaged in deceitful practices for years.*

**misleading** /mɪs'li:dɪŋ/ [adj] **misleading** information or statements make people believe something that is not true, especially by not giving them all the facts: *The advertisements were deliberately misleading and false.* | *In court Robbins made misleading statements about his involvement.* | **it is misleading to say/treat/speak of etc** *It would be misleading to say that the recession will soon be over.* — **misleadingly** [adv] *Private schools in Britain are often misleadingly called public schools.*

**under false pretences** British /**under false pretenses** American /ʌndər 'fɔ:ls prɪ'tensɪz/ [adv] if you do something **under false**

**pretences**, you do it by pretending that the situation is different from what it really is: *He got a loan from the bank under false pretences.* | *Immigration officers attempt to catch people entering the country under false pretenses.*

# true

## RELATED WORDS

- opposite: **untrue**  
 ▶ see also **honest, right, believe, trust/not trust, rumour/rumor, doubt**

## 1 when something is true

- ▶ be true
- ▶ be the truth
- ▶ sth goes for
- ▶ it is a fact
- ▶ be the case
- ▶ truthful
- ▶ accurate
- ▶ valid

**be true** /bi: 'tru:/ [v phrase] something that **is true** is based on real facts and was not invented or imagined: *Everything I have told you is true.* | *At first I couldn't believe it was really true.* | *The movie is based on a true story.* | *If the rumours are true, we may all have a new boss by the end of the month.* | **it is true (that)** *It's true that our schools have suffered in the past from a lack of funding, but we are changing that.*

**be the truth** /bi: ðə 'tru:θ/ [v phrase] to be true: *There's no way I can do any more work than I do now, and that's the truth.* | *We think that what she says is the truth – she probably didn't intend to steal the money.*

**sth goes for** / (sth) 'gəʊz fɔ:r/ [v T not in progressive or passive] use this to say that something that is true about one person or group is also true about another one: *We encourage the kids in the program to work together, and the same thing goes for the adults too.* | *There are some bad teachers in state schools, but the same thing goes for private schools as well.*

**it is a fact** /ɪt ɪz ə 'fækt/ use this to emphasize that something is definitely true + **that** *It is a fact that more children in this country die in road accidents than from any other cause.*

**be the case** /bi: ðə 'keɪs/ [v phrase] if a situation **is the case**, that is the way the situation truly is **it is the case that** *It used to be the case that British industry was plagued by strikes, but this is no longer true.* | **as is often/usually the case** *The doctor prescribed drugs for the child, as is often the case with this illness.* | *He thinks I'm complaining about nothing, but that's just not the case.*

**truthful** /'tru:θfəl/ [adj] a **truthful** answer or statement contains no lies: *Our citizens have a right to expect truthful reports from their government.* | *Justice Department officials who reviewed his statement found it to be truthful.*

**accurate** /'ækjʊrət/ [adj] descriptions, information, or numbers that are **accurate** are based on facts, do not contain mistakes, and tell you exactly what is happening: *Greene gives a remarkably accurate description of life in Saigon in the early '50s.* | *I think your assessment of the current economic situation is pretty accurate.*

**valid** /'vælɪd/ [adj] ideas that are **valid** are based on what is true and reasonable, and should be accepted or considered seriously: *This may not be a valid conclusion – we haven't tested it thoroughly yet.* | *Many of Rousseau's ideas are just as valid today as they*



were in the 18th century. | The government still hasn't produced a valid argument in favour of its policies on immigration. — **validity** /və'lɪdʒti/ [n U] Lawyers are questioning the validity of the city's new telecom contract.

## 2 when facts are shown to be true after being examined

▶ stand/hold up

▶ check out

**stand/hold up** /stænd, həʊld 'ʌp/ [phr v I] if an idea, or an explanation **stands up** or **holds up**, it is shown to be true when carefully examined or questioned: *Although his argument is appealing, it doesn't really hold up.* | **stand up to examination/scrutiny** (=be shown to be true after being carefully checked) *None of her theories about language really stands up to close scrutiny.* | **stand/hold up in court** *My lawyer told me there was no point in starting the case, because it wouldn't stand up in a court of law.*

**check out** /tʃek 'aʊt/ [phr v I] if something that someone has told you **checks out**, it is proved to be true when you check it: *Everything she says checks out on our computer files.* | *If his alibi doesn't check out the police are going to charge him with murder.*

## 3 definitely true

▶ undeniable/  
indisputable

▶ be the gospel  
truth/be gospel

**undeniable/indisputable** /ˌʌndrɪ'naɪəbəl, ˌɪndrɪ'spju:təbəl/ [adj] definitely true, so that no one could argue or disagree about it: *The fact that she was intelligent was undeniable.* | **it is undeniable that** *It is undeniable that Africa is a very different place to what it was fifty years ago.* | **indisputable evidence/proof etc** *The evidence against her appears indisputable.* | *Researchers were hoping that the rock samples would give them indisputable proof of life on Mars.*

**be the gospel truth/be gospel** /bi: ðə ˌɡɒspəl 'tru:θ, bi: ˌɡɒspəl-ˌɡɑ:s-/ [v phrase] use this to emphasize that something is definitely true: *When I was at school I thought that everything my teachers told me was the gospel truth.* | *Many myths about pregnancy are repeated as if they were gospel.*

## 4 only partly true, not completely true

▶ be partly  
true/partially true

▶ there's something  
in sth

▶ there's some truth  
in/to sth

▶ element/grain of  
truth

**be partly true/partially true** /bi: ˌpɑ:rtli 'tru:, ˌpɑ:rtʃəli 'tru:/ [v phrase] *This statement is partly true, but it leaves out some important facts.* | *The stories were easy to believe because they were partially true.*

**there's some truth in/to sth** /ðeərz ˌsʌm 'tru:θ ɪn, tə (sth)/ spoken use this to say that something is partly true: *Do you think there's any truth to these rumours?* | *There's some truth in the old belief that carrots are good for the eyesight.*

**there's something in sth** British /**there's something to sth** American /ðeərz ˌsʌmθɪŋ 'ɪn (sth), ðeərz ˌsʌmθɪŋ 'tu: (sth)/ spoken use this to say that there is some value or truth in an idea or statement, even if most of it seems unlikely or untrue: *The more I study astrology, the more I'm convinced*

*that there could be something in it.* | *There might just be something to what she's been teaching.*

**element/grain of truth** /elɪmənt, ˌɡreɪn əv 'tru:θ/ [n phrase] if you say there is an **element** or **grain of truth** in a story or an explanation, you mean that there is a little truth in it: *Most myths have a grain of truth in them.* | *There's an element of truth in what he says, but the conclusions he comes to are rubbish.*

## 5 to say what is true

▶ tell the truth  
▶ truthful

▶ to tell the truth  
▶ stick to the facts

**tell the truth** /tel ðə 'tru:θ/ [v phrase] to say what really happened or what the true situation is: *Nobody believes me, even though I'm the only one telling the truth!* | **tell sb the truth** *You should have told him the truth.* | *Just tell me the truth – did he give you the letter or not?*

**truthful** /'tru:θfəl/ [adj] someone who is **truthful** says what is true and does not tell lies: *Lucy's normally an extremely truthful little girl.* | **truthful (with sb) about** *I've always been truthful with him about my other boyfriends.* — **truthfully** [adv] *I want you to answer me truthfully.*

**to tell the truth** /tə tel ðə 'tru:θ/ [adv] spoken say this when you want to be honest about something, even if it is something unpleasant that other people may not like: *To tell the truth I'll be glad when the kids are back at school.* | **to tell you the truth** *I'm not really in the mood for going out. To tell you the truth, I'd rather stay in and watch TV.*

**stick to the facts** /stɪk tə ðə 'fæktz/ [v phrase] to tell the truth about things that really happened and not invent things or give your opinions: *Witnesses were asked to stick to the facts and leave aside all emotion and sentiment.* | *'In my opinion, she was going to meet her lover.'* 'Could you just stick to the facts, please.'

## 6 ways of saying that something is really true

▶ really  
▶ honestly

▶ truly

**really** /'ri:əli/ [adv] spoken *Is your cousin really a movie star?* | *It's all so long ago now, it's difficult to believe that any of it really happened.* | *'She's leaving her husband, you know.'* 'Really?'

**honestly** /'ɒnɪstli/ [adv] spoken say this to emphasize that someone should believe what you are saying: *I was going to give you it back, honestly.* | *I honestly don't think we'll be in court all day tomorrow.* | *Honestly, it makes no difference to me where we have the wedding.*

**truly** /'tru:li/ [adv] use this to emphasize that you are sincere about what you are saying and really mean it **truly sorry/happy/surprised etc** *I'm truly sorry. I didn't mean to upset you.* | *For the first time in her life she felt truly happy.* | **truly believe/think etc** *If we truly believe we can win, then we have a very good chance at doing it.*

## 7 the true information or facts about something

▶ the truth  
▶ fact

▶ truth  
▶ home truths



**the truth** /ðə 'tru:θ/ [n singular] + **about** *We may never know the truth about what really happened to Marilyn Monroe.* | *Scientists believe they are close to finding out the truth about the origins of the universe.* | **the truth is (that)** *The truth is that the idea of having kids terrifies him.* | **the simple/plain truth** (=the truth about something, especially when this is unpleasant) *The simple truth is that I just don't love him anymore.* | **the truth comes out** (=the truth becomes known) *Nixon tried to cover up the burglary, but the truth had to come out in the end.*

**fact** /fækt/ [n C] a true piece of information about something: *The most important thing is to find out what the facts are and put the scandal behind us.* | *Gentry still owed Mr Tilly \$7,000, a fact he failed to mention when he was arrested.* | + **that** *It is a fact that the world is round.* | **hard facts** (=definite facts that cannot be argued with) *You need to back up your theory with one or two hard facts.*

**truth** /tru:θ/ [n C/U] important facts or principles about life, the world etc that are always true in all situations: *Science is based around the search for truth.* | *Ellis explains how truth and freedom are linked.* | *fundamental truths about human nature*

**home truths** /,həʊm 'tru:ðs/ [n plural] British facts about someone which are unpleasant for them to know but are true: *It's about time someone told that woman a few home truths.*

## trust/not trust

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **honest, dishonest, lie, trick/deceive, cheat, betray**

### 1 when you think someone is honest

▶ **trust** ▶ **trustworthy**

**trust** /trʌst/ [v T not usually in progressive] to believe that someone is honest and will not tell lies, cheat you, or do anything that would harm you: *David's one of my oldest friends – I trust him completely.* | **can trust sb** (=feel sure that they are honest) *The hardest thing is finding a car dealer you can trust!* | **(can) trust sb to do sth** 'He's only fourteen.' 'I know, but I think we can trust him to look after the baby for an hour.'

**trustworthy** /'trʌst,wɜ:ri/ [adj] especially written if someone is **trustworthy**, you can trust them because they are honest: *We got the information from a trustworthy source.* | *Most of our employees are pretty trustworthy, I think.*

### 2 when you can be sure that someone will do what you want

▶ **can depend/rely on sb** ▶ **responsible**  
▶ **reliable** ▶ **loyal**

**can depend/rely on sb** /kən drɪ'pend, rɪ'laɪ ɒn (sb)/ [v phrase] if you **can depend on** someone or **can rely on** them, you can be sure that they will do what you want or need them to do: *It's going to be a stressful time – you'll need to have someone with you who you can depend on.* | + **to do sth** *We knew we could rely on Tom to bring some good music.*

**reliable** /rɪ'laɪəbəl/ [adj] someone who is **reliable** can be trusted to do what they say they will do and

not make any mistakes: *It's strange Ben isn't here. He's usually so reliable.* | *In many offices the most reliable people with the longest service are the secretaries.*

**responsible** /rɪ'spɒnsəbəl/ [adj] someone who is **responsible** can be trusted to behave in a sensible way, so you do not need to worry that they will do something careless or stupid: *We never worried about letting Sam babysit our kids – he'd always seemed very responsible and intelligent.* | *He treated me as if I wasn't responsible enough to be given the tools to do my job.* | **responsible behaviour/decisions etc** *Two new programs are being developed to help promote responsible sexual behavior.*

**loyal** /'lɔɪəl/ [adj] someone who is **loyal** can be trusted to always give help or support to their friends, their country, their political party etc: *a loyal supporter of the Green Party* | *She was described as a loyal friend of the Princess.* | + **to** *Although they continue to argue, she remains fiercely loyal to her mother.* — **loyalty** [n C/U] loyal behaviour: *The attempted coup failed, thanks to the loyalty of the army.*

### 3 the feeling that you can trust someone

▶ **trust** ▶ **faith**  
▶ **confidence** ▶ **blind faith**

**trust** /trʌst/ [n U] *After the scandal, the company lost the trust of many of its clients.* | *Establishing trust is the first thing a good teacher does with any student.* | + **in** *Despite her many misfortunes, her trust in God was never shaken.* | **put/place (your) trust in someone** (=trust sb) *People put their trust in their elected officials and expect them to do the best job they can.* | **betray sb's trust** (=do something that shows they should not have trusted you) *She has betrayed the trust which we placed in her.* | **mutual trust** (=when two people or groups trust each other) *To be good leaders, managers must create a climate of mutual trust and respect.*

**confidence** /'kɒnfɪdəns/ [n U] a strong belief that you can trust a person, system, product etc, and that they will do what they say they will or do what they are supposed to do: *The new president has the confidence and backing of all of the leaders of the surrounding states.* | + **in** *It's obviously very important to build up the consumer's confidence in our product.* | **lose confidence** *Opinion polls show that the voters have lost confidence in the administration.* | **public confidence** (=the confidence of the people) *The agency works hard to increase public confidence so that people are not afraid to report racist incidents.* | **crisis of confidence** (=when confidence in a person, system etc becomes very weak) *The country's highly respected Finance Ministry is facing a crisis of confidence that will be difficult to reverse.*

**faith** /feɪθ/ [n U] a strong belief that someone or something can always be depended on to do or say what is right or good + **in** *My mother's total faith in God always amazed me.* | **have faith** *He had great faith in her judgement, and consulted her about everything.* | **lose faith** *After what she's been through, I can understand why she's lost faith in the legal system.*

**blind faith** /,blaɪnd 'feɪθ/ [n U] a very strong and unreasonable belief that someone can always be trusted, especially when it is wrong or dangerous to trust them: *There's a great difference between ordinary loyalty and blind faith.* | + **in** *Many doctors are worried by the villagers' blind faith in traditional healing methods.*



## 4 words for describing someone who always trusts other people

▶ trusting

▶ naïve

**trusting** /'trʌstɪŋ/ [adj] always **trusting** other people, especially when this means you can be easily tricked: *Sometimes you're too trusting. You shouldn't lend money to anyone who says they need it.* | *She had an innocent, trusting nature, and I worried about how she'd cope in the big city.*

**naïve** /naɪ'v||nɑ:'i:v/ [adj] always trusting other people, especially when this means you are easily tricked – use this especially about people who are young or do not have much experience: *At the time, I was very naïve and truly believed that our leaders were people of great ability and intellect.* | *Rogers isn't naïve enough to think that his film will rake in money, but he thinks it will be well-received.* — **naïvely** [adv] *I rather naïvely gave my address to a man I met in an Internet chat room.*

## 5 something you can trust

▶ reliable

▶ can rely/depend on sth

**reliable** /rɪ'laɪəbəl/ [adj] a **reliable** machine, system etc always works well; **reliable** information, books etc do not contain mistakes and are likely to be correct: *Do you have a reliable map of the area?* | *My car's quite old, but it's still pretty reliable.* | *In those days there was no reliable system of transportation between Alaska and the rest of the US.*

**can rely/depend on sth** /kən rɪ'laɪ, dɪ'pend ɒn (sth)/ [v phrase] if you **can depend on** something or **can rely on** it, you can be sure that it will always work well: *You can depend on the postal service here. It's very good.* | *If we can rely on the weather report, it's going to be hot tomorrow.* | *Of course people will use their cars if they cannot depend on buses and trains to get them to work.*

## 6 not trust

▶ not trust

▶ can't rely on

▶ unreliable

▶ be suspicious of

▶ distrust/mistrust

**not trust** /nɒt 'trʌst/ [v T] *I don't know what to do. I mean if I can't trust my best friend, who can I trust?* | *Don't trust him. He's lying.* | **not trust sb with sth** *I wouldn't trust him with my money.* | *It can be difficult to trust anyone with some of your innermost secrets.* | **not trust sb an inch** British (=not trust someone at all) *I thing you're mad giving him such an important job. I wouldn't trust him an inch.* | **not trust sb as far as you can throw them** (=not trust someone at all) *As for his 'advisors', he said he wouldn't trust them as far as he could throw them.*

**can't rely on** ALSO **can't trust sb/sth** /kɑ:nt rɪ'laɪ ɒn, kɑ:nt 'trʌst (sb/sth) ||,kænt-/ [v phrase] to be unable to trust someone to do what they say they will do, or to be unable to trust a machine, system etc to work well: *You can't rely on the buses. I've stood here for twenty minutes waiting for one to come.* | **+ to do sth** *We need clearer regulations, but you can't trust the government to simplify anything.*

**unreliable** /ˌʌnrɪ'laɪəbəl-/ [adj] if someone is **unreliable**, you cannot be sure that they will do what they say they will do; if a machine, car etc is **unreliable**, it often stops working and you cannot be sure

it will work well: *We could ask our neighbours to feed the cat, but they're a little unreliable.* | *Telephone service in most of the country is unreliable.*

**be suspicious of** /bi: sə'spiʃəs ɒv/ [v phrase] to have a feeling that you should not trust someone or something, although you are not sure why: *I'm always suspicious of people who offer me money.* | **deeply suspicious** (=very suspicious) *She had no proof at all, but nonetheless was deeply suspicious of her former friend's motives.*

**distrust/mistrust** /dɪs'trʌst, mɪs'trʌst/ [v T] to not trust someone: *'Was she seeing a doctor?' 'No, to my knowledge she mistrusted doctors.'* | *He distrusted people who were too friendly too quickly.*

## 7 the feeling that you cannot trust someone

▶ distrust/mistrust

▶ suspicion

**distrust/mistrust** /dɪs'trʌst, mɪs'trʌst/ [n U] *The talks took place in an atmosphere of hostility and distrust.* | *The city's school system has been hurt by low morale and public mistrust.* | **+ of** *Dylan's natural mistrust of reporters makes him a difficult man to interview.*

**suspicion** /sə'spiʃən/ [n U] the feeling that you cannot trust someone, even though you may not know exactly why: *Terry's grandmother looked at me with suspicion and demanded, 'Who's this?'* | *When I asked about Gerald, Susan's usually kind face clouded with fear and suspicion.* | **arouse suspicion** (=make people feel suspicion) *The timing of his trip aroused suspicion among his government colleagues.*

## 8 words for describing someone who does not usually trust other people

▶ suspicious

▶ distrustful/mistrustful

**suspicious** /sə'spiʃəs/ [adj] *The officials we met in the capital looked suspicious and tense, as if they were expecting us to declare war on them.* | **+ of** *The local people were suspicious of me because of my somewhat unusual lifestyle.*

**distrustful/mistrustful** /dɪs'trʌstfəl, mɪs'trʌstfəl/ [adj] *He was unsociable and distrustful, but also a fanatical worker.* | **+ of** *For nearly a whole century, Eastern and Western Europe remained deeply distrustful of each other.* | *Many people are still very mistrustful of computers.*

## 9 ways of describing someone who you do not trust

▶ sb can't be trusted

▶ sb looks/seems suspicious

**sb can't be trusted** / (sb) kɑ:nt bi: 'trʌstɪd|| -kænt-/ spoken say this about someone you do not trust: *Many people feel that lawyers can't be trusted, that they are just out for the money and nothing else.* | **+ to do sth** *Sharon can't be trusted to look after her own money, let alone deal with other people's.* | **+ with** *Don't say anything to Ed – he can't be trusted with confidential information.*

**sb looks/seems suspicious** / (sb) lʊks, si:mz sə'spiʃəs/ use this about someone whose appearance or behaviour makes you think that they may



intend to do something dishonest or harmful: *The cop said we looked suspicious and that he was arresting us – just for standing on a corner!* | *The whole operation seemed very suspicious to me, so I thought I'd take a closer look.*

# try

## RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **work, do/not do**

## WHAT'S HERE

- **to try to do sth** see **1 to 7**
- **to try sth to see if it is good** see **8**

## to try to do sth

### 1 to try to do something

- ▶ **try**
- ▶ **attempt**
- ▶ **have a try**
- ▶ **see if you can do sth**
- ▶ **make an attempt**
- ▶ **endeavour to do sth**
- ▶ **seek to do sth**
- ▶ **struggle to do sth**

**try** /traɪ/ [v I/T] Sorry I didn't phone you. I did try, but your line was busy. | I tried all the keys, but none of them would open the door. | **+ to do sth** I tried to get another job but I had no luck. | Try to relax and empty your mind. | He tried to walk past me down the stairs, but I stopped him. | **try hard** (=try using a lot of effort) I was trying hard to concentrate, but my mind kept wandering. | **try doing sth** You could try parking by the library – there's usually room in the car park there. | **try and do sth** I'll tell some jokes to try and cheer him up. — **try** [n C] Don't give up yet – have another try.

**attempt** /ə'tempt/ [v T] to try to do something, especially something that is difficult, dangerous, or new: No one has attempted this experiment before. | A rescue was attempted by Coast Guards, but it was not successful. | **+ to do sth** Any prisoner who attempts to escape will be shot. | Someone had attempted to open the car door. | They are attempting to become the first to climb Everest without oxygen tanks.

**have a try** ALSO **have a go** especially British /,hæv ə 'traɪ, ,hæv ə 'gəʊ/ [v phrase] spoken to try to do something, especially when you think you may not succeed: I can't get the lid off this jar. Do you want to have a try? | Have a go – you might be able to get the answer. | **have a try/go at doing sth** We had a go at trying to coax the cat indoors using scraps of food.

**see if you can do sth** /,si: ɪf ju: kən 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase not in past tense] spoken to try to do something – use this either to offer to do something for someone, or to ask someone to do something for you: If you want to come to the show, I'll see if I can get you a ticket. | See if you can get him to change his mind.

**make an attempt** /,meɪk ən ə'tempt/ [v phrase] to try on one occasion to do something, especially something difficult, dangerous, or new **+ to do sth** I made an attempt to apologize, but Brian wouldn't even talk to me. | Several attempts were made to negotiate with the gunmen. | **make no attempt to do sth** The protesters made no attempt to resist arrest.

**endeavour to do sth** British /,endə'veɪər tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] formal to try to do something: We always endeavour to provide

our customers with the highest standards of service. | I remained for some time endeavouring to engage Mr Campbell in conversation.

**seek to do sth** /,si:k tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] formal to try to achieve something, especially something that may take a long time but which you think is important: The Smiths are now seeking to take their case to the European Court. | For over two decades the USA sought to prevent the spread of communism in Southeast Asia. | Our economic policies seek to increase productivity, expand markets and create jobs.

**struggle to do sth** /,strʌɡəl tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] to try to do something that is difficult: There are too many families struggling to survive on low incomes. | I found my father struggling to lift one end of an enormous chest of drawers. | She struggled to express her feelings. — **struggle** [n C] **+ to do sth** Animals face a real struggle to survive in these harsh conditions.

### 2 to try very hard to do something

- ▶ **try hard**
- ▶ **make an effort**
- ▶ **strive**
- ▶ **be at pains to do sth**
- ▶ **go to great lengths to do sth**

**try hard** /,traɪ 'hɑ:d/ [v phrase] to make a lot of effort, because you want very much to do something: No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't get the window to open. | **+ to do sth** I was trying hard not to laugh. | You must try harder to get your homework done on time.

**make an effort** /,meɪk ən 'efərt/ [v phrase] to try hard to do something, especially something you do not want to do but you think you should do: Can't you make more of an effort? | **+ to do sth** I made an effort to sound interested in what he was saying. | I wish you'd make an effort to get on with my friends. | **make no effort to do sth** She makes absolutely no effort to see the other person's point of view.

**strive** /straɪv/ [v I] formal to try hard to achieve something, especially when this is difficult **+ to do sth** Toni has been striving to achieve musical recognition for the past ten years. | **+ for** The company must constantly strive for greater efficiency.

**be at pains to do sth** /bi: ət ,peɪnz tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] to make a lot of effort to do something, especially to explain something people do not understand correctly: Mrs Henessy was at pains to say that she was fighting for a principle, not just for financial compensation.

**go to great lengths to do sth** /gəʊ tə ,ɡreɪt ,leŋθs tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] to be willing to use any method that is necessary in order to achieve something, even if this involves being dishonest, breaking the law etc: Health professionals have gone to great lengths to reassure patients that the treatment is safe. | Some firms will go to great lengths, including spying, to obtain information about their competitors.

### 3 to try as hard as you can

- ▶ **try as hard as you can**
- ▶ **do your utmost**
- ▶ **do/try your best**
- ▶ **do everything/all you can**
- ▶ **do the best you can**
- ▶ **give your all**
- ▶ **pull out all the stops**
- ▶ **as best you can**
- ▶ **give sth your best shot**
- ▶ **to the best of your ability**



**try as hard as you can** /traɪ əz ˈhɑːrd əz juː ˈkæn/ [v phrase] Come on, try as hard as you can! | I tried as hard as I could, but I still couldn't get everything into one suitcase. | **+ to do sth** She tried as hard as she could to look interested.

**do/try your best** /ˌduː, ˈtraɪ jɔːr ˈbest/ [v phrase] to try as hard as you can, even when the situation is difficult and you are not sure if you will succeed: I don't know if I'll manage to get everything finished by Friday, but I'll certainly do my best. | **+ to do sth** Harry did his best to sound calm, but it was obvious that he was really annoyed. | She tried her best not to laugh.

**do the best you can** /ˌduː ðə ˈbest juː ˈkæn/ [v phrase] to try as hard as you can to do something, even though it is difficult or you do not have enough time, money etc to do it really well: It's a very tough exam but just do the best you can. | More medical supplies will be arriving next week – until then, doctors and nurses must do the best they can. | **+ to do sth** I did the best I could to make him change his mind, but he refused.

**pull out all the stops** /ˌpʊl aʊt ˌɔːl ðə ˈstɒps/ -ˈstɔːps/ [v phrase] informal to do everything possible to make an event, celebration, competition etc successful: They gave me a great leaving party – they really pulled out all the stops. | If we pull out all the stops we should still be able to meet our deadline.

**give sth your best shot** /ˌɡɪv (sth) jɔːr ˈbest ˈʃɒt/ -ˈʃɑːt/ [v phrase] informal to try to do something as well as you can, even though you do not have all the necessary skills or equipment: I'm not promising I'll succeed, but I'll give it my best shot.

**do your utmost** /ˌduː jɔːr ˈʌtməʊst/ [v phrase] to try as much as you possibly can, and for as long as possible, to achieve something very difficult: We have done our utmost. There is no more we could possibly do. | **+ to do sth** The Secretary of State assured reporters that the Administration was doing its utmost to avoid war.

**do everything/all you can** /ˌduː ˈevriθɪŋ, ˌɔːl juː ˈkæn/ [v phrase] to use every possible method to try to do something: I'm trying to help – I'm doing everything I possibly can. | I did everything I could to raise money, including selling my house. | Her mother did all she could to encourage Tracy to study medicine.

**give your all** /ˌɡɪv jɔːr ˈɔːl/ [v phrase] to use all your energy and determination to achieve something that is personally very important to you: She gave her all in the last race, but it wasn't quite good enough to win.

**as best you can** /əz ˈbest juː ˈkæn/ [adv] if you do something as best you can, especially something difficult or unpleasant, you try as hard as you can to do it because you cannot change the situation: I cleaned the car up as best I could, but it still looked a mess. | We'll have to manage as best we can without you.

**to the best of your ability** /tə ðə ˈbest əv jɔːr əˈbɪlɪti/ [adv] if you do something to the best of your ability, you do it as well as you can, even if you are not sure that you are doing it very well: I have always done my work to the best of my ability. | All the children competed and performed to the best of their ability.

#### 4 to try to do something even though you might not succeed

- ▶ have a go
- ▶ give it a go/a try/a whirl

**have a go** /ˌhæv ə ˈɡəʊ/ [v phrase] I'm not sure I'll be able to persuade him, but I'll certainly have a go. | **+ at** I'll have a go at repairing the roof myself.

**give it a go/a try/a whirl** /ˌɡɪv ɪt ə ˈɡəʊ, ə ˈtraɪ, ə ˈwɜːl/ [v phrase] spoken informal to try to do something you have not tried before and do not know if you will be successful at: I've never done any acting before, but I'll give it a try. | It sounds like a great idea – let's give it a whirl. | You ought to give it a go at least.

#### 5 to try to get a job, position, prize etc

- ▶ try for
- ▶ go for
- ▶ try out for
- ▶ angle for
- ▶ make a bid for
- ▶ shoot for
- ▶ struggle for
- ▶ go all out
- ▶ audition

**try for** /ˈtraɪ fɔːr/ [phr v T] to try to get something you want very much, for example a job, a prize, or a chance to study somewhere: Why don't you try for this job as an Assistant Scientific Officer? | I've decided to try for Harvard University.

**go for** /ˈɡəʊ fɔːr/ [phr v T] to try to get something you want very much, especially something that is difficult to achieve, such as a prize or a high position: Why don't you go for a music scholarship? | Are you going to go for the senior manager's job?

**try out for** /ˈtraɪ ˈaʊt fɔːr/ [phr v T] American to try to get chosen for a sports team or for a part in a play: Joan tried out for the school basketball team. | I'm not going to bother trying out for the play – I know I'm not good enough!

**angle for** /ˈæŋɡəl fɔːr/ [phr v T not in passive] to try to make someone give you something or say something good about you without asking them directly: He was talking to Helen, angling for an invitation to her next party. | She asked us how she looked, obviously angling for a compliment.

**make a bid for** /ˌmeɪk ə ˈbɪd fɔːr/ [v phrase] to try to get an important job or a position of power – used mainly in newspapers: The party now feels the time is right to make a bid for power. | **make a successful/unsuccessful bid for sth** Mr Meaney made an unsuccessful bid for the presidency two years ago.

**shoot for** /ˈʃuːt fɔːr/ [phr v T] American informal to try to get an important job or achieve something very difficult: There are five Democrat candidates shooting for president this year. | Management is shooting for a 40% increase in productivity over six months. | I think you should go for it – shoot for the top!

**struggle for** /ˈstrʌɡəl fɔːr/ [v phrase] to make a lot of effort over a long period to get something that is very important to you, but that is very difficult to get: The people are still struggling for liberation from a brutal, oppressive regime. | Many small businesses are struggling for survival in this difficult economic climate. | He struggled for the right words to say. — **struggle [n C] + for** They are making some progress in their struggle for equal rights.

**go all out** /ɡəʊ ˌɔːl ˈaʊt/ [v phrase] to put all your energy and determination into trying to get or win something **+ for** The German team will be going all out for a win in next Saturday's game. | **+ to do sth** We're going all out to make our sales target this year.

**audition** /ˌɔːdɪʃən/ [v I] to try to get a part in a play, concert, film etc by performing to a group of people



who will judge whether or not you are suitable for it  
**+ for** *She met her husband when she auditioned for the part of Ophelia in an all-black production of 'Hamlet'.*

## 6 to try very hard to help someone

- ▶ **bend over backwards to do sth**
- ▶ **take the trouble to do sth**
- ▶ **go out of your way to do sth**

**bend over backwards to do sth** /ˌbend əʊvəˈr ˌbækwəˈrdz tə ˈduː (sth)/ [v phrase] to make every possible effort to be helpful or to please someone, even when this causes you difficulty or inconvenience: *I bend over backwards to help him, but I never get any thanks for it.* | *The school have bent over backwards to accommodate Jan's mobility difficulties.*

**go out of your way to do sth** /gəʊ ˌaʊt əv jɔːr ˌwei tə ˈduː (sth)/ [v phrase] to make a special effort to help someone, especially someone who needs help and support: *When Annie arrived, Harriman went out of his way to make life pleasant for her.* | *Jennifer knew what a difficult time I was having, and went out of her way to be friendly.*

**take the trouble to do sth** /ˌteɪk ðə ˌtrʌbəl tə ˈduː (sth)/ [v phrase] to make a special effort to do something you think will be useful or helpful: *Take the trouble to learn all of your students' names. They will appreciate it.* | *My bank manager took the trouble to write a very detailed letter answering my inquiry.* | *The head of department has been very helpful – he even took the trouble to show me round the premises during his lunch hour.*

## 7 when you try to do something

- ▶ **attempt**
- ▶ **campaign**
- ▶ **effort**
- ▶ **drive**

**attempt** /əˈtempt/ [n C] when you try to do something, especially something you have not tried before: *After four attempts, Mike finally passed his driving test.* | **+ an attempt to do sth** *All my attempts to get the machine working failed miserably.* | *It was a deliberate attempt to mislead the voters.* | **make an attempt** *The climbers will make another attempt to reach the summit today.* | **in an attempt to do sth** *The government has announced that it will fund an extra 10,000 doctors in an attempt to reduce waiting times for operations.*

**effort** /ˈefərt/ [n C/U] an attempt to do something, especially when this involves a lot of hard work or determination: *Cleaning up polluted rivers will take considerable time and effort.* | *Faster and faster he pulled on the rope, gasping with the effort.* | **+ to do sth** *All his efforts to convince Lucy failed.* | **+ at** *The workers went on strike after efforts at negotiation with management broke down.* | **in an effort to do sth** *The company has announced 500 job losses in an effort to cut costs.*

**campaign** /kæmˈpeɪn/ [n C] a planned series of activities that are intended to persuade people to do something or to bring social or political change **+ to do sth** *The government's campaign to recruit more black police officers has not been a success.* | **+ for the campaign for prison reform** | **election campaign** (=a campaign to win an election) *All kinds of extravagant promises were made during the election campaign.* | **advertising campaign** *The company has spent over £50 million on its latest advertising campaign.* | **launch/mount a campaign** (=start a cam-

paign) *The company has launched an advertising campaign in the hope of attracting new customers.*

**drive** /draɪv/ [n C] a planned effort, especially by a company or a government, to achieve a particular kind of improvement within a short time **+ for** *We need a new drive for investment in Britain's inner cities.* | **+ to do sth** *The government must continue this drive to find new, cleaner forms of energy.* | **efficiency/economy/modernization etc drive** *As part of the bank's efficiency drive substantial cuts are being made in the workforce.*

## to try sth to see if it is good

## 8 to try something to see if it is good

- ▶ **try**
- ▶ **try out**
- ▶ **give sth a try**
- ▶ **sample**
- ▶ **have a go/bash**
- ▶ **try your hand at**
- ▶ **experiment with**
- ▶ **trial and error**

**try** /traɪ/ [v T] to do or use something for a short time in order to find out if it is successful, if you enjoy it, or if it is suitable: *I tried aerobics once, but I didn't really enjoy it.* | *Have you tried those new barbecue-flavoured crisps?* | *His mother tried threats, bribery – everything, but Danny still refused to go to school.* | *There was no answer at his workplace, so Mandy tried his home number.* | **try doing sth** *I think you should try planning your essays in rough before you start writing.*

**try out** /ˌtraɪ ˈaʊt/ [phr v T] to use a new method, a new product, or something that you have learned, in order to find out how good, how successful, or how suitable it is **try out sth** *They sell paint in very small cans so you can try out the different colours at home.* | *Dietmar enjoyed trying out his English on American troops stationed in Berlin.* | **try sth out** *It was six months before she had a chance to try her songs out in front of a live audience.*

**give sth a try** /ˌgɪv (sth) ə ˈtraɪ/ [v phrase] to try using or doing something, although you are not sure if it will succeed or if it is suitable or good: *I'm not sure that writing to complain will do much good, but we can give it a try.* | *Why don't we give that new wine bar a try?*

**sample** /ˈsɑːmpl/ ˈsæm-/ [v T] to try an activity to see if you enjoy it and if you would like to do it some more: *The hotel provides an excellent base from which visitors can sample the delights of scuba diving and waterskiing.*

**have a go/bash** /ˌhæv ə ˈgəʊ, ˈbæʃ/ [v phrase] British informal to do something for the first time to see whether you can do it, whether you enjoy it etc: *She's never tried skiing before, but she's willing to have a go.* | *The competition's open to anyone, so why not have a bash?* | **have a go/bash at doing sth** *Most kids get the opportunity to have a bash at writing poetry when they're at school.* | **have a go on sth** (=try using a machine) *Can I have a go on your computer?*

**try your hand at** /ˌtraɪ jɔːr ˈhænd æt/ [v phrase] to try an activity that is new to you and that interests you, especially something that you need to learn special skills for: *He first tried his hand at motor racing in 1963, but without much success.* | **try your hand at doing sth** *After she lost her job, she thought she'd try her hand at writing a novel.*

**experiment with** /ɪkˈsperɪment wɪð/ [phr v T] to try something in order to see what it is like or what



effect it has: *We're experimenting with a new filing system.* | *A new wave of rock bands experimented with different rhythms and beats.* | *A lot of fourteen and fifteen year olds experiment with drugs.*

**trial and error** /traɪəl ənd 'erər/ [n phrase] the process of trying a lot of different ways of doing something, in order to find out which one works best **by trial and error** (=using trial and error) *We found out by trial and error which plants could survive the dry conditions.* | **a process of trial and error** *We learn new skills through a process of trial and error.*

## turn

to turn around, to change direction, or to turn upside down

### 1 to go around in circles

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ▶ <b>turn</b>             | ▶ <b>go/run/drive etc</b> |
| ▶ <b>go around</b>        | <b>around and around</b>  |
| ▶ <b>spin</b>             | ▶ <b>whirl</b>            |
| ▶ <b>rotate/revolve</b>   | ▶ <b>spiral</b>           |
| ▶ <b>go/run/drive etc</b> | ▶ <b>swirl</b>            |
| <b>around in circles</b>  | ▶ <b>circle</b>           |
|                           | ▶ <b>twirl</b>            |

**turn** /tɜːn/ [v I] if something **turns**, it moves around a fixed central point: *Slowly the wheels of the train began to turn.* | *I heard the door knob turning, and then Frank opened the door and tiptoed in.* | *As the propeller stopped turning, Grady ran up to the plane.*

**go around** ALSO **go round** British /gəʊ ə'raʊnd, gəʊ 'raʊnd/ [phr v I] to move in a continuous circular movement: *When the fan goes around it forces the warm air back down.* | *The gear was going round, but it didn't seem to be catching on anything.*

**spin** /spɪn/ [v I] to turn around many times very quickly: *The ice skater began to spin faster and faster.* | *The wheels were spinning in the mud, but the car wouldn't move.* | **+ around** ALSO **+ round** British *The boy was spinning around in his father's desk chair.*

**rotate/revolve** /rəʊ'teɪt/ || rəʊ'teɪt, rɪ'vɒlv/ || rɪ'vɑːlv/ [v I] to turn around and around a fixed point: *The Earth rotates on its axis once every twenty-four hours.* | *A disco ball revolved slowly over the empty dance floor.* | *The stage rotates giving the audience a constantly changing view.*

**go/run/drive etc around in circles** ALSO **go/run/drive etc round in circles** especially British /gəʊ ə'raʊnd ɪn 'sɜːrkəlz, gəʊ raʊnd ɪn 'sɜːrkəlz/ [v phrase] to go, run, drive etc continuously or repeatedly around in a circular way: *The children went round in circles till the music stopped.* | *We were driving around in circles, weaving through the parking lot.*

**go/run/drive etc around and around** ALSO **go/run/drive etc round and round** British /gəʊ ə'raʊnd ənd ə'raʊnd, gəʊ raʊnd ənd 'raʊnd/ [v phrase] to go around in circles many times: *Billy will sit and watch his train going round and round on its little track for hours.* | *The steers walked restlessly around and around their pen.*

**whirl** /wɜːrl/ [v I] to spin around extremely quickly, often in an uncontrolled way: *The blades of the helicopter whirled powerfully overhead.* | **+ around** ALSO **+ round** British *Flies whirled round the piles of sticky sweets.* | *Dust and sand were whirling around in the air, as the desert wind began to get stronger.*

**spiral** /'spaɪərəl/ [v I] to move slowly upwards or downwards in a circular way around a central point, while also moving either in towards the centre or out from it: *Smoke spiralled upward from the chimney.* | *We watched the leaves spiral down from the trees in the cold autumn wind.*

**swirl** /swɜːrl/ [v I] if water, dust, mist etc **swirls**, it keeps turning around quickly in a twisting, circular movement: *Dust swirled like smoke in the evening sunshine.* | **+ around** ALSO **round** British *Jessie's pale dress swirled round her slender ankles.* | *The wind swirling around the tree had blown all the snow away from its trunk.*

**circle** /'sɜːrkəl/ [v I/T] if a bird or aircraft **circles**, it flies around above a particular place, waiting for something: *We all looked towards the sky where the vultures were circling.* | *The plane circled the runway several times before landing.* | **+ overhead/above etc** *Helicopters circled overhead, trying to get pictures of the crime scene.*

**twirl** /twɜːrl/ [v I] if someone **twirls**, they spin around very quickly, especially as part of a dance: *Rachel took her father's hand and twirled in and out under his arm.* | **+ around/about** *Half a dozen couples were twirling about to a waltz.*

### 2 to make something turn around

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| ▶ <b>turn</b>  | ▶ <b>swivel</b>  |
| ▶ <b>twist</b> | ▶ <b>twiddle</b> |
| ▶ <b>wind</b>  |                  |

**turn** /tɜːn/ [v T] to make something **turn** by moving it with your hand: *Tim turned the handle slowly and pushed open the door.* | *She put the key in the ignition and turned it, but nothing happened.* | **turn sth around** (=so that it is facing the opposite direction) *If we turn the table around we can fit more chairs in the room.*

**twist** /twɪst/ [v T] to turn something with a quick firm circular movement: *'I can't get the top off.'* *'Try twisting it the other way.'* | *We twisted and tugged to get the mussels loose from their shells.*

**wind** /waɪnd/ [v T] to turn something such as a handle or part of a machine around and around, especially in order to make something move or start working: *You wind the handle on the side to make the music play.* | *She wound the car window down to speak to the police officer.* | *My watch has stopped – I must have forgotten to wind it.*

**swivel** /'swɪvəl/ [v T] to turn something around on a central rod or point, usually so that it is facing a different direction: *He swivelled the camera on the tripod to follow her as she crossed the yard.* | **swivel sth around** ALSO **swivel sth round** British *She swivelled the computer screen around so that I could see it too.*

**twiddle** British /twɪdl/ American /'twɪdl, twɜːrl/ [v T] to turn something small backwards and forwards many times with your fingers, especially because you are bored, or are trying to make something work: *She sat in the bar twirling the stem of her wine glass, wishing she were somewhere else.* | *He kept twiddling the knobs on the radio trying to get a signal.*

### 3 to make something turn in circles very quickly

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| ▶ <b>spin</b>  | ▶ <b>whirl</b> |
| ▶ <b>twirl</b> |                |

**spin** /spɪn/ [v T] to make something turn around and around extremely quickly: *Spin the wheel of the*



bicycle to make sure that it is fastened correctly. | He spun the dial on the padlock right, then left, then right again.

**twirl** /twɜːrɪ/ [v T] to repeatedly make something turn in circles or spin around, especially with your fingers: *I've never been able to twirl a baton.* | *He picked up a pen and twirled it between his fingers.* | *The man, without answering, began to twirl the ends of his moustache.*

**whirl** /wɜːrɪ/ [v T] to make something spin around in the air extremely quickly: *Whirl the ingredients in a blender at high speed for a minute.* | *The warriors approached, whirling their swords and spears in the air.*

## 4 a turning movement

► turn

► spin

► revolution

**turn** /tɜːrɪn/ [n C] the circular movement that a person or object makes when turning something or being turned: *She can do a 360-degree turn on water skis.* | *Loosen the screw one complete turn in order to release the valve.* | + **of** *With three swift turns of the wheel, he steered the boat away from the rocks.*

**revolution** /ˌrevəˈluːʃən/ [n C] one complete circular movement around a fixed or central point – use this in technical contexts: *The shaft spins at 950 revolutions per minute.* | *The planet rotates in the same direction as its revolution around the sun.*

**spin** /spɪn/ [n C/U] a very fast turn that is repeated many times: *He made a quick spin to avoid the oncoming player.* | + **of** *the spin of a propeller*

## 5 turning with a circular movement

► revolving

► rotating

**revolving** /rɪˈvɒlvɪŋ-ˈvaɪl-/ [adj only before noun] designed to turn with a circular movement: *A revolving door led into the hotel lobby.* | *The 28-story building is topped by a revolving restaurant that offers ever-changing views of the city.*

**rotating** /rəʊˈteɪtɪŋ-ˈrəʊteɪtɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] able to turn with a circular movement – use this especially in technical contexts: *The plastic is cut by a rotating disc.* | *The stones are polished in a rotating drum full of abrasive powder.*

## 6 to turn your head or your body

► turn

► turn on your heel

► turn around

► swing around

► turn away

► spin around

► turn your back

► swivel

► turn your head

**turn** /tɜːrɪn/ [v I] to turn your head or body so that you are looking in a different direction: *Campbell turned and walked out of the room.* | + **to** *‘What do you think we should do?’ she said, turning to her husband.* | + **to do sth** *She heard the door opening and turned to see who was coming in.*

**turn around** ALSO **turn round** British /tɜːrɪn əˈraʊnd, tɜːrɪn ˈraʊnd/ [phr v I] to turn your body so that you are looking in the opposite direction: *Ian, turn round and face the front!* | *I turned around quickly to see if anyone was following me.* | *‘Does my dress look OK?’ ‘Turn around and let me see the back.’*

**turn away** /tɜːrɪn əˈweɪ/ [phr v I] to turn so that you are no longer facing someone, especially because

you want to avoid them: *Alice turned away with tears in her eyes.* | *The scene was so sickening I had to turn away.* | + **from** *She frowned and turned away from him without speaking.*

**turn your back** /tɜːrɪn jɔːr ˈbæk/ [v phrase] to turn so that you are no longer facing someone, especially because you are angry or disappointed, or because you are deliberately ignoring them: *As soon as I turn my back, the children start to misbehave.* | + **on** *Don't turn your back on me – I'm talking to you!* | *She turned her back on him and began to walk away.*

**turn your head** /tɜːrɪn jɔːr ˈhed/ [v phrase] to turn your head in order to look at someone or in order to look away from someone: *She turned her head to avoid making eye contact with the beggar.* | *Whenever Suzie walks into a room all the men immediately turn their heads.*

**turn on your heel** /tɜːrɪn ɒn jɔːr ˈhiːl/ [v phrase] to quickly and suddenly turn, especially before walking away: *David angrily turned on his heel and marched towards the door.* | *When her ex-husband entered the room, she turned on her heel and left.*

**swing around** ALSO **swing round** British /ˌswɪŋ əˈraʊnd, ˌswɪŋ ˈraʊnd/ [phr v I] to turn around suddenly and quickly, especially because you are angry or surprised: *He swung around at the sound of her voice and smiled at her.* | *I felt a hand on my shoulder and swung round quickly to find Chris standing behind me.*

**spin around** ALSO **spin round** British /ˌspɪn əˈraʊnd, ˌspɪn ˈraʊnd/ [phr v I] to turn around very quickly, especially because you are angry or because something unexpected has suddenly happened: *The sudden crash made her spin round and look back down the passage.* | *Dobbs yelled back and spun around with clenched fists, ready to fight.*

**swivel** /ˈswɪvəl/ [v I] to turn around quickly as if you are fixed to a central point, or when you are sitting in a chair which can turn round: *Ralph swivelled in his chair and looked directly at Meg.* | + **around** ALSO + **round** British *Mr Tench swivelled round in astonishment as the men burst through his office door.*

## 7 to turn your body when you are lying down

► turn over

► roll over

**turn over** /tɜːrɪn ˈəʊvər/ [phr v I] to change the position of your body while you are lying down, so that you are facing in a different direction: *The bed squeaks every time I turn over.* | *Turn over and I'll give you a massage.* | *He opened his eyes and turned over on his side, facing her.*

**roll over** /rəʊl ˈəʊvər/ [phr v I] to turn your body so that it is facing the opposite direction, in a single smooth movement: *The cat purred, rolled over on its back, and stretched.* | *I heard the alarm clock, but I rolled over and went back to sleep.*

## 8 to change your direction when you are walking or driving

► turn

► veer

► change direction

► swerve

► change course

**turn** /tɜːrɪn/ [v I/T] to change your direction when you are walking or driving: *He saw a police car up ahead, so he turned and went down a side street.* |



Soon after leaving harbour, the ships turned and headed north. | **turn left/right** Turn left at the next intersection. | **+ back** It's getting late – I think we should turn back before it gets dark. | **+ off** (=leave a street in order to go down another street) Turn off Delaney Road just after the church. | **+ onto/into** (=start going along another street after changing direction) Turn onto Lowell Street, then go straight for three blocks. | **turn a corner** I turned a corner and nearly ran into Caroline.

**change direction** /ˌtʃeɪndʒ dɪˈrekʃən/ [v phrase] to turn while you are moving so that you start going in a different direction: The horse abruptly changed direction, nearly throwing the rider off. | Changing direction on skis isn't difficult once you've learned the technique.

**change course** /ˌtʃeɪndʒ ˈkɔːrs/ [v phrase] if a vehicle, ship, or aircraft **changes course**, it changes the direction in which it is travelling: The yacht changed course and approached the island. | The plane must change course to avoid flying through the storm.

**veer** /viə/ [v I] if a vehicle or moving object **veers**, it suddenly and unexpectedly changes direction **+ off/away/across etc** The car suddenly veered across the road into oncoming traffic. | The boat was heading for the rocks but at the last minute veered off in another direction.

**swerve** /swɜːv/ [v I] if a vehicle or moving object **swerves**, it suddenly changes direction, especially in order to avoid hitting something: The driver swerved to avoid a child, and crashed into a signpost. | **+ across/into/towards etc** Dozens were injured when a passenger bus swerved into the wrong lane and slammed into another bus.

## 9 when a road or river changes direction

- ▶ bend
- ▶ curve
- ▶ turn
- ▶ wind
- ▶ twist
- ▶ weave

**bend** /bend/ [n C] the place where a road or river turns: The taxi went around the bend at an alarming speed. | **+ in** The balcony overlooked a wide bend in the river. | **round a bend** As we rounded the bend, I could see the town up ahead.

**curve** /kɜːv/ [n C] a place where there is a bend in the road: He lost control of the car on a sharp curve. | **round a curve** I rounded the curve looking for a place to pull over. — **curve** [v I] The road curves to the left as you go up the hill.

**turn** ALSO **turning** British /tɜːn, ˈtɜːnɪŋ/ [n C] a place where you can **turn** and go into another road: Take the first turning after the traffic lights. | We were supposed to take Highway 12, but I think we missed the turn.

**wind** /waɪnd/ [v I] if a road, path, or river **winds**, it frequently turns and changes direction, in smooth curves **+ between/through/up etc** A narrow road wound up the hillside towards the little house. | The path wound through the orchard and between small beds of flowers. | **wind its way** The staircase appears almost to be floating on air, as it winds its way up three stories. — **winding** [adj only before noun] She hated driving on the winding mountain roads at night.

**twist** /twɪst/ [v I] to frequently turn and change direction, especially in small but sharp turns **+ up/through/towards etc** A dry stream bed twisted

through thick tree roots. | **twist its way** We approached Assisi via the dusty road that twists its way up Monte Subasio. — **twisting** [adj only before noun] Wild flowers grew on either side of the twisting path.

**weave** /wiːv/ [v I/T] to turn and change direction, especially around things, in smooth curves **+ through/up/across etc** The river weaved across the plain, towards the sea. | **weave its way** The old highway weaved its way through Tucson.

## 10 when a vehicle, ship etc turns over in an accident

- ▶ turn over
- ▶ roll over
- ▶ capsize
- ▶ overturn

**turn over** /ˌtɜːn ˈəʊvər/ [phr v I] if a vehicle **turns over**, it turns upside down, especially as a result of an accident: The car smashed into the post, turned over, and burst into flames. | The train was travelling so fast that when it came off the rails it turned over onto its roof.

**roll over** /ˌrəʊl ˈəʊvər/ [phr v I] if a vehicle or ship **rolls over**, it turns upside down because it is not correctly balanced: The truck jack-knifed and then rolled over. | Ships have stabilizers to prevent them from rolling over in rough seas.

**capsize** /kæpˈsaɪz/ [v I/T] if a boat **capsizes**, or someone or something **capsizes** it, it turns over in the water: The ship capsized in rough waters with the loss of 208 lives. | People were fighting for places in the lifeboat, and there was a real danger of it capsizing. | A huge wave struck the side of our boat, almost capsizing it.

**overturn** /ˌəʊvərˈtɜːn/ [v I/T] if a vehicle or boat **overturns**, or someone or something **overturns** it, it turns over: The truck had overturned, but the driver was not injured. | The whole crew was drowned when their boat overturned in a storm. | During the riots several cars were overturned and set on fire.

## 11 to turn something upside down

- ▶ turn over
- ▶ turn
- ▶ flip
- ▶ invert

**turn over** /ˌtɜːn ˈəʊvər/ [phr v T] **turn sth over** Do not turn your exam papers over until I tell you to. | She turned the envelope over and began making notes on the back. | **turn over sth** The children were turning over the rocks to see what was underneath.

**turn** /tɜːn/ [v T] to **turn** something so that the other side of it is facing upwards or outwards: Continue to turn the fritter until both sides are golden brown. | I'll read the story and you turn the pages. OK, honey? | **turn sth upside down** Take out the spark plugs and turn the cylinder block upside down.

**flip** /flɪp/ [v T] to turn something over with a quick, sharp movement: Come help me flip this mattress. | **flip sth over** She flipped the pancakes over with one smooth movement. | **flip over sth** I flipped over the card to see what was written on the other side.

**invert** /ɪnˈvɜːt/ [v T] formal to turn something upside down: A camera inverts the image it receives. | Invert the cake and pan on a wire rack and remove the pan.



# two

## 1 two

► two

► a couple

**two** /tu:/ [quantifier] 2: *We've got two dogs and three cats. | There used to be five churches in the town. Now there are only two. | It takes two hours to get there. | + of Two of the boys in the hockey team were sick.*

**a couple** /ə 'kʌpəl/ [quantifier] informal two: *I haven't got any stamps – could you lend me a couple? | + of I've got a couple of tickets for the game on Saturday. | She lived in Japan for a couple of years.*

## 2 two people

► couple

► duo

► pair

**couple** /'kʌpəl/ [n C] two people who are together, especially because they are married or have a sexual relationship: *the couple who live next door to me | A young couple were walking hand in hand along the beach. | a married couple (=a couple who are married) The house was bought by a young married couple.*

**pair** /peər/ [n C] two people who are doing something together, or who are similar or connected in some way + **of** *They felt like a pair of burglars, enjoying themselves in someone else's house while the owner was away. | in pairs (=working in groups of two) Do the next exercise in pairs. | a strange/funny/friendly etc pair Bill and his brother were a rather odd-looking pair.*

**duo** /'dju:əv 'du:-/ [n C] two people who work or perform together: *a brilliant young comedy duo | the successful management duo of Doug Livermore and Ray Clemence*

## 3 two things of the same type that are used together

► pair

► twin

**pair** /peər/ [n C] two things of the same type that are used together **a pair of shoes/socks/gloves/earrings etc** *I need a new pair of shoes.*

**twin** /twin/ [adj only before noun] use this to talk about two things that are the same as each other and exist together or are used together: *the new twin bridges over the river Clyde | a PC with twin disk drives | twin beds I asked for a room with twin beds.*

## 4 each one of two people or things

► both

► each

► either

► neither

► each other/one

another

**both** /bəʊθ/ [predeterminer/quantifier] use this to talk about two people or things together: *We both really enjoyed the evening. | I can't decide which dress to buy, I like them both. | Both drivers were injured, but not seriously. | + of Both of us felt ill the next day. | Both of the windows had been broken. | both the/these/my etc Both her attackers were wearing masks and gloves. | Both her parents are doctors.*

**each** /i:tʃ/ [determiner/pron] use this to talk about two

or more people or things when you think of them as separate: *My wife and I each have our own bank account. | + of In the cup final, each player gets a medal, even the substitutes.*

**either** /'aɪðər 'i:-/ [determiner/pron] use this to talk about one of two people, places, or things, especially when it does not matter which one: *'Would you like tea or coffee?' 'Either – I don't mind.' | You can enjoy the view from either window. | + of If you see either of these men, contact the police immediately. | She says she has never seen either of them before. | either sb/sth or sb/sth I usually drink either coke or beer.*

**neither** /'naɪðər 'ni:-/ [determiner/pron] not one of two people, places, or things, and not the other: *'Do you want milk or lemon in your tea?' 'Neither thanks.' | The game wasn't very exciting. Neither team played well. | + of Luckily, neither of the passengers was hurt in the crash. | neither sb/sth nor sb/sth Neither Mary nor the doctor was willing to use the word 'cancer'.*

**each other/one another** /i:tʃ 'ʌðər, 'wʌn ə'nʌðər/ [pron] use this to say that each of two people does the same thing to the other, or has the same feeling about the other: *The twins looked at one another and giggled. | We don't see each other so often now. | each other's/one another's They used to borrow each other's clothes.*

## 5 someone whose brother or sister was born at the same time

► twin

**twin** /twin/ [n C] one of two children who were born on the same day to the same mother: *I never realized that you and Sammy were twins. | Joey's my twin. | twin brother/sister Sally and her twin sister still spend a lot of time together now that they are adults. | identical twins (=twins who look exactly the same) There have been a lot of interesting studies done on identical twins separated at birth. | fraternal twins (=twins who do not look the same) Noelle and Craig are fraternal twins.*

## 6 intended for two people

► for two

► double

► two-man

**for two** /fər 'tu:/ [adv] use this about something that is intended for only two people: *We'd like a table for two please. | a romantic weekend in Paris for two*

**double** /'dʌbəl/ [adj only before noun] **double room/bed/mattress** a room, bed etc that is intended for two people: *The room contained a double bed, a wardrobe, and a small chest of drawers. | Double rooms cost \$80, single rooms are \$50.*

**two-man** /'tu: mæn/ [adj only before noun] **two-man tent/canoe** a tent etc that is designed for two people: *We all squeezed into Ralph's small two-man tent. | They paddled down the river in a two-man canoe.*

## 7 twice the normal size

► double

**double** /'dʌbəl/ [adj only before noun] twice the amount, number etc: *The band has just released a new double album. | Last year she suffered the double blow of losing her father and discovering that she had cancer. | double whiskey/brandy etc A double brandy,*



please. | **a double portion of sth** *I ordered fish and a double portion of chips.* — **double** [n C] *Three whiskeys, please – two singles and one double.*

## 8 when something happens two times

▶ twice

▶ a couple of times

**twice** /twais/ [adv] *The weather was great – it only rained twice in three weeks.* | *She's been married twice before.* | **twice a day/month/year etc** (=when something happens regularly two times every day, month etc) *I play golf twice a week.* | *Staff meetings are held twice a month.* | **twice over** *British You should read the exam question twice over before answering it.* | *The company's accounts were checked twice over, the second time by an independent auditor.*

**a couple of times** /ə 'kʌpəl əv taɪmz/ [adv] informal two or three times: *I've been out with Harry a couple of times, but I wouldn't call him my boyfriend.*

## 9 consisting of two things of the same type

▶ double

▶ twofold

▶ dual

**double** /'dʌbəl/ [adj only before noun] *I pushed the double doors open and walked into the office.* | *The report and photographs fitted nicely onto a double page.* | *You cannot park on double yellow lines.*

**dual** /'dju:əl/ [adj only before noun] having two types of one particular thing: *It's much safer if you learn to drive in a car which has dual controls.* | *He found it difficult to cope with the dual pressures of work and home life.* | **dual role/function/purpose/aim** *Don Jose continued in his dual role of father and teacher to his son.* | *The magistrate's court has a dual function: to try minor cases and consider whether in more serious cases there is enough evidence for a trial to take place.* | **dual nationality/citizenship** (=when someone has the legal right to live in two different countries) *He has dual nationality because his father was born in Pakistan and his mother is British.*

**twofold** /'tu:fəʊld/ [adj] formal if the reasons, aims, or effects etc, of something are **twofold**, there are two reasons, aims, or effects: *My reasons for leaving are twofold.* | *This new legislation will have a twofold effect on businesses.*

## 10 when a number or amount is twice as big as another

▶ twice

▶ twofold

▶ double

**twice** /twais/ [predeterminer/adv] **twice as big/fast/much/many etc** bigger, faster etc by 100%: *This sweater would have cost twice as much if I'd bought it in England.* | **twice the size/my salary/his age etc** *He married a woman who was twice his age.* | *It's about twice the length of a football field.* | *Full cream milk contains about twice the fat of skimmed milk.*

**double** /'dʌbəl/ [predeterminer] twice as much as an amount, number etc **double the amount/number/weight/size/cost etc** *Over 30% of marriages end in divorce, which is double the number 20 years ago.* | *The house is now worth double the amount we paid for it.*

**twofold** /'tu:fəʊld/ [adj only before noun] two times as much or as many of something **a twofold increase** *The last ten years have seen a twofold increase in the numbers of deaths on the road.*

# type

### RELATED WORDS

▶ to write something with a typewriter *see* **write**

## 1 a type of person or thing

▶ type/kind/sort

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▶ nature

▶ category

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▶ class

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▶ variety

▶ like this/like that

▶ genre

**type/kind/sort** /taɪp, kaɪnd, sɔ:t/ [n C] a group of things or people that are similar to each other in some way, or a thing or person that belongs to such a group. **Kind** and **sort** are more common than **type** in spoken English. Use **type** when you are talking about technical subjects or when you are describing something in an exact way: *I'll get you some ice-cream. What kind would you like?* | **+ of** *The floor was made of three different types of wood.* | *What sort of fish is this?* | *'What type of music do you like?'* *'Mainly dance music and some indie.'* | *She's the kind of person you can always rely on.* | *There are two sorts of politician – the ones who really want to help people, and the ones who just want power.* | **of this/that type etc** *Accidents of this type are extremely common.* | *It's a club for writers and actors and people of that sort.* | **of various/many/different types etc** *They export farming machinery and tools of various kinds.*

**style** /stɑɪl/ [n C] a particular type of building, art, literature, music etc: *The new library is a blend of various architectural styles.* | **+ of** *a completely new style of painting* — **style** [adj/adv] **western-style/Japanese style etc** *The room was simply furnished, Japanese-style.*

**category** /'kætɪgəri/ [n C] a group that people or things of the same type are divided into for a particular purpose – use this when there are several groups and there is a clear system for deciding which group something belongs to: *Emma Thompson won an Oscar in the Best Actress category.* | *The novels are divided up into three categories: historical, romantic, and crime.* | **+ of** *Insurance companies identify six main categories of driver.*

**class** /kla:s/ [n C] a number of people or things that are considered as being of the same group because they have the same physical features, qualities etc **+ of** *French is one of a class of languages known as the Romance languages.* | *Doctors are reluctant to prescribe a new class of drugs, especially ones which need to be taken for long periods of time.*

**variety** /və'raɪəti/ [n C] a type of thing that is different from another similar type **+ of** *The French make many varieties of cheese, from both cows' and goats' milk.* | *At that time, all newsreaders spoke a variety of English spoken in southern England, known as Received Pronunciation.*

**genre** /'ʒɒnrə/ [n C] formal a type of literature, film, or work of art: *Science fiction as a genre is relatively new.* | *Italian filmmakers made their own versions of the classic Hollywood genres – the western, the gangster film, the musical.*



**form** /fɔːrm/ [n C] a **form** of something is one type of it of all the ones that are possible + **of** *Melanoma is a form of skin cancer.* | *Britain has a constitutional form of government.* | *Sugar in chocolate and other forms of confectionery is one of the major causes of tooth decay.*

**nature** /ˈneɪtʃər/ [n singular] a particular type of thing of a **political/historical/technical/scientific/sexual nature** *The support being given is primarily of a practical nature.* | *books of an erotic nature* | **of a different/similar nature** *On the plains the farmers have to deal with frequent floods, but up in the hills their problems are of a different nature.* | **of that nature** *Children at this age commonly refer to being eaten up by tigers and lions and things of that nature.* | **be in the nature of sth** (=to be like something) *The cruise was to be in the nature of a 'rest cure'.*

**of that/his/their etc ilk** /əv ˌðæt ˈɪlk/ [adj phrase] of that type, his type etc – use this especially about types that you do not like or respect: *Environmentalists, feminists, and others of that ilk regularly try to drive shows like this off the air.* | *Desserts (\$5) were of the tiramisu, crème brûlée, chocolate torte ilk.*

**like this/like that** /laɪk ˈðɪs, laɪk ˈðæt/ [adj phrase] especially spoken of the type that you have just been talking about: *The children need new pens and pencils and things like that.* | *People like that really annoy me.* | *I'm not sure what to do. I've never been in a situation like this before.*

## 2 a type of plant or animal

- ▶ **species**
- ▶ **breed**
- ▶ **variety**
- ▶ **strain**

**species** /ˈspiːʃiːz/ [n C] a group of animals or plants that are all similar and can breed together to produce young animals or plants of the same type + **of** *There are over forty species of bird living on the island.* | *Scientists have discovered a new species of Eucalyptus tree.* | **endangered species** (=one that might not exist for much longer) *The giant panda is an endangered species. There are fewer than a thousand living in the wild.*

**breed** /briːd/ [n C] a type of animal, especially one that has been developed by man, such as a dog, cat, or a farm animal: *Most dairy herds today are of Friesian or Holstein breeds.* | + **of** *What breed of dog is that? I've never seen one like it before.* | *It's a very unusual breed of goat, dating back to the time of Cleopatra.*

**variety** /vəˈraɪəti/ [n C] a type of plant or animal that is different from another similar type: *South American growers use the best US seed varieties.* | + **of** *This is a new variety of apple; we're selling it for the first time.* | *It may be possible to create varieties of fish that have resistance to common diseases.*

**strain** /streɪn/ [n C] a type of plant, animal, bacteria etc that has one particular feature that makes it different from others of the same type – use this in scientific or technical contexts + **of** *A pure-bred strain of barley is required in the production of this whisky.* | *A particularly hardy strain of the virus can make you ill for over a week.*

## 3 a type of product

- ▶ **brand**
- ▶ **make**
- ▶ **model**

**brand** /brænd/ [n C] a type of product made by a particular company – use this about products that you

use every day such as food or drink or cleaning materials: *They sell all the usual kinds of coffee, but also some less well-known brands.* | + **of** *Coke and Pepsi are the most popular brands of cola.* | *my favourite brand of toothpaste*

**make** /meɪk/ [n C] a type of product made by a particular company – use this about things such as machines, equipment, and cars, not about food or drink: *What make is your washing machine?* | + **of** *'What make of car was she driving?' 'A Mercedes.'*

**model** /ˈmɒdl̩/maːdl/ [n C] one particular type of car or machine from among the various types that a company produces: *'What make is the car?' 'It's a Ford.'* | *'And what model?' 'An Escort 1.8L.'* | *We produce a range of different computers, but this is our most popular model.*

## 4 to say that someone or something belongs to a particular type

- ▶ **categorize**
- ▶ **classify**
- ▶ **stereotype**
- ▶ **pigeonhole**
- ▶ **under**

**categorize** ALSO **categorise** British /ˈkætəˌɡəraɪz/ [v T] to decide that someone or something belongs to a particular group of people or things that have similar qualities **categorize sb/sth as sth** *Dali was categorized as a surrealist painter.* | *Forecasts suggest that by the year 2010, only about 30 percent of U.S. households will be categorized as middle class.*

**classify** /ˈklæsɪfaɪ/ [v T] to put things or people into particular groups, especially according to an official or scientific system **classify sb/sth as sth** *Carpentry and furniture making are usually classified as skilled trades.* | **classify sb/sth by/according to sth** *Wines can be classified according to their sugar content – that is dry, medium or sweet.* | *Eggs are classified by weight as Extra Large, Large, Medium, Small, and Peewee.*

**stereotype** /ˈsteriətaɪp/ [v T] to decide unfairly, that certain people have particular qualities, abilities, or needs, for example because they are of a particular sex, race, or social class: *Teachers often stereotype kids who speak with strong regional accents.* | **stereotype sb as sth** *There is a tendency to stereotype childless women as being hard and career-orientated.*

**pigeonhole** /ˈpɪdʒɪnhəʊl/ [v T] to say that someone or something can be described as a particular type or group, in a way that is too simple and therefore unfair: *You shouldn't pigeonhole people according to your first impressions of them.* | *When your band becomes successful, people immediately try to pigeonhole you, but we're into all kinds of music – dance, rock, jazz, blues.*

**under** /ˈʌndər/ [prep] if you include something **under** a particular category or heading, you decide that it belongs to that particular group of things **classify/categorize/file/list sth under sth** *In our library, novels are classified under Crime, Romance, and General.* | *The Association of British Travel Agents is listed under 'Trade Associations and Professional Bodies' in the Yellow Pages.*



# typical

when something or someone is a good example of the type that they belong to

## RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **usually, normal/ordinary, unusual**

## 1 a typical person or thing

- ▶ **typical**
- ▶ **representative**
- ▶ **archetypal**
- ▶ **classic**
- ▶ **textbook case/example**
- ▶ **stereotype**

**typical** /'tɪpɪkəl/ [adj] *With his shorts and camera around his neck, he looked like a typical tourist. | 'Is there a typical New York breakfast?' 'Bagels and coffee.' | On a typical day, the president receives more than 4,500 letters. | a typical American diner, with twangy-voiced waitresses and vinyl booths | + of This painting is typical of Manet's portraits of Morisot – a beautiful woman, gazing sadly out at the viewer. — typically [adv] Everyone admired his typically Greek fearlessness when dealing with any official.*

**representative** /ˌreprɪˈzɛntətɪv/ [adj] formal someone or something that is **representative** of the group that they belong to is typical of it, and shows what the others in the group are like + **of** *These paintings are representative of the kind of work being done by young artists nowadays. | Would you say that his views were representative of the majority of French voters? | representative sample For our survey we asked a representative sample of voters to give us their opinions.*

**archetypal** /'ɑːrkiˌtaɪpəl/ [adj usually before noun] the **archetypal** person or thing is the most typical example of that kind of person or thing, and has all their most important qualities: *Indiana Jones is the archetypal adventure hero. | the archetypal pushy Hollywood mother — archetype [n C] Merlin is the archetype of the Wise Old Man.*

**classic** /'klæsɪk/ [adj usually before noun] a **classic** example of something is a very typical and very good example of it + **of** *The misunderstanding was nobody's fault and was a classic example of bad communication. | The invention of the X-ray was a classic case of discovering something by accident. | She made the classic mistake of trying to drive away without releasing the hand brake.*

**textbook case/example** /'tekstbʊk ˌkeɪs, ɪgˌzɑːmpəl/ [n C] a situation in which things happen in a very typical and expected way + **of** *The Apple Computer company was a textbook case for business schools about how two guys working out of a garage could change the world. | This is a textbook example of how Hollywood undermines its best ideas, by insisting on happy endings, even when they are completely implausible.*

**stereotype** /'steriətaɪp/ [n C] a fixed idea which most people have in their minds about what people of a particular type or from a particular country are like, but which is not actually true: *The film is full of stereotypes: a stupid blonde, a fat American tourist, and a gay man with huge muscles. | + of Charles quite plainly did not fit the stereotype of a successful, high powered businessman. | racial/sexual stereotype They rejected the sexual stereotype of blue for a boy and pink for a girl, and dressed their baby in other colors instead. | the racial stereotype of Asian girls as quiet and hard-working — stereo-*

**typical** /ˌsteriə'tɪpɪkəl/ [adj] *Some people find his novels offensive because of the stereotypical black people he portrays.*

## 2 typical behaviour or qualities

- ▶ **typical**
- ▶ **characteristic**
- ▶ **just what you'd expect**
- ▶ **be just like**
- ▶ **that's sb all over**
- ▶ **true to form**
- ▶ **would**
- ▶ **the inevitable**
- ▶ **be in character**

**typical** /'tɪpɪkəl/ [adj] behaviour or actions that are **typical** of a person are just what you usually expect them to do, especially when this is something bad or annoying: *'Dad forgot to mail the letter.' 'That's just typical!' | Mrs Quilley greeted the guests with typical charm and confidence. | This is typical adolescent behaviour – part of the process of becoming independent from your parents. | it is typical of sb to do sth It's typical of Ramon to waste time when he knows we're already late. — typically [adv] Aunt Lilly's gifts were typically generous, and reflected her impeccable taste.*

**characteristic** /ˌkærɪktə'rɪstɪk/ [adj] very typical of a particular type of thing, or of someone's character or usual behaviour: *Each species of bird has its own characteristic song. | Larry, with characteristic generosity, invited everyone back to his house. | + of This pattern is characteristic of the local architecture. — characteristically [adv] Mrs Bhalla started to apologise in her characteristically nervous manner.*

**just what you'd expect** /ˌdʒʌst wɒt juːd ɪk'spekt/ [adj phrase] if you say that something is **just what you'd expect**, you mean that it is exactly what your idea of someone makes you expect them to do: *Jenny's house is very clean and neat, just what you'd expect. | He was annoyed, but he soon got over it – just what you'd expect, in fact.*

**be just like** /biː ˌdʒʌst 'laɪk/ [v phrase] if you say that someone's action or behaviour is **just like** them, you mean that it is typical of them in a way that annoys you: *You have left everything to the last minute. That's just like you. | it is just like sb to do sth It's just like Uncle Roy to invite us all to lunch and then forget to tell Aunt Sarah. | It would be just like my son to get the measles twice.*

**that's sb all over** /ðætɪz (sb) ɔːl 'əʊvər/ used for saying that you are not surprised that someone has done something or behaved in a particular way, because it's the kind of thing they often do: *He was late, of course, but that's Tim all over. | 'That's Dora all over,' interrupted Rose with a sniff. 'Once she gets an idea into her head, nothing will stop her.'*

**true to form** /ˌtruː tə 'fɔːrm/ [adv] if you say that someone does something **true to form** you mean it is very typical of them, especially when it is something annoying: *True to form, Oliver turned up late and drunk. | They promised to pay by Friday and yes, true to form, the money didn't arrive till Wednesday.*

**would** /wʊd/ [modal verb] you say someone **would** do something when they do something that is typical of them and you want to criticize them for it: *'Janice is going to be late for the meeting.' 'She would be!' | 'And then Harry got drunk.' 'He would do, wouldn't he!'*

**the inevitable** /ði ɪˈnevɪtəbəl/ [adj phrase only before noun] usual and expected for a particular person or type of person or a situation – you can often use this in humorous contexts: *It was a typical student's room with the inevitable Van Gogh print on the wall. | Dinner started with the inevitable chicken*



soup. | *In the subway I got cornered by the inevitable drunkard wanting to give me some advice.*

**be in character** /bi: ɪn 'kærɪktər/ [v phrase] an action or remark that is **in character** is typical of someone's character: *Julie said that? That doesn't seem to be in character at all.* | *His reaction was quite in character. The man had no respect for education, and it was no surprise when he took his son out of school.*

### 3 to be a typical example of someone or something

- ▶ **be a good/excellent/perfect etc example**
- ▶ **characterize**
- ▶ **typify**
- ▶ **epitomize**
- ▶ **be the epitome of**
- ▶ **personify**

#### **be a good/excellent/perfect etc example**

/bi: ə ˌɡʊd ɪɡ'zɑ:mpəl-'zæm-/ [v phrase] something that is a **good, excellent, or perfect example** of a group or type of thing, has all the usual and typical qualities of that group or type: *There are many beautiful Norman churches in this part of England. Iffley church is a good example.* | *If you want to know how not to make a video, this is a perfect example!* | *France produces some of the world's best dessert wines, and this is an excellent example.* | + **of** *The fox is a good example of a wild animal that has adapted to living in towns.*

**characterize** ALSO **characterise** British /'kærɪktəraɪz/ [v T not in progressive] to be typical of a person, place, or thing: *We approached the big empty square that characterizes the centre of Chinese cities.* | *Bright, vibrant colors characterize his paintings.* | *Robinson's photographs are characterized by the intense contrasts of dark and light areas, and the consequent loss of detail.*

**typify** /'tɪpɪfaɪ/ [v T not in progressive] to be a typical example of a type of person, thing, attitude, or situation: *This letter typifies his loyalty and consideration.* | *Burke's arrogance seems to typify this government's approach.* | *Mrs Maugham's attitude towards the television typified her whole moral outlook.*

**epitomize** ALSO **epitomise** British /ɪ'pɪtəmaɪz/ [v T not in progressive] to be the most typical example of a type of person, thing, attitude or situation: *His poems epitomize the feelings of the generation of soldiers that fought in World War I.* | *The auto assembly line epitomizes the conditions that contribute to employee dissatisfaction.*

**be the epitome of** /bi: ði ɪ'pɪtəmi ɒv/ [v phrase] to be the best possible example of a particular type of person or thing or of a particular quality: *Christine's clothes are the epitome of good taste.* | *With her neat hair and her flat, sensible shoes, she was the epitome of the traditional librarian.*

**personify** /pə'r'sɒnɪfaɪ-'sɑ:-/ [v T not in progressive] if someone **personifies** a particular quality, they are the perfect example of someone who has that quality: *The little boy seemed to personify the poverty and famine of his country.* | *To the school children, kindness and beauty were personified by their teacher Miss Appleby.*

### 4 not typical

- ▶ **atypical**
- ▶ **uncharacteristic**
- ▶ **not be like/be unlike**
- ▶ **be out of character**
- ▶ **untypical**

**atypical** /eɪ'tɪpɪkəl/ [adj] belonging to a type or group, but not having the usual qualities of that type or group: *Such letters of complaint are atypical; the foundation usually receives nothing but praise and admiration for our work.* | + **of** *This bird is atypical of most species here in that it does not build a nest.*

**uncharacteristic** /ˌʌnkærɪktə'rɪstɪk/ [adj] not typical of a situation or of someone's character, and therefore surprising: *It was summer and despite the uncharacteristic chill in the air, the tourists were swarming the beaches.* | *With uncharacteristic modesty, Will explained his contribution to the development of the film medium.* — **uncharacteristically** [adv] *In the morning Narendra was uncharacteristically quiet, and I asked her what was wrong.*

**not be like/be unlike** /nɒt bi: 'laɪk, bi: ʌn'laɪk/ [v phrase] if you say it is **not like** someone or is **unlike** them to do something, you mean it is not typical of them to behave in that way, and it is strange or surprising: *Cheer up Maria. It isn't like you to be as depressed as this.* | *It's unlike him to drink so much – I hope he is all right.* | *I don't understand why Mr Beanie is being so nice today – it's just not like him.*

**be out of character** /bi: ˌaʊt əv 'kærɪktər/ [v phrase] an action which is **out of character** is not typical of someone's character and usual behaviour: *I can't believe Andrew wrote this letter – it seems so out of character.* | *'Jane never said a word all morning.'* *'That sounds very out of character to me.'*

**untypical** /ʌn'tɪpɪkəl/ [adj] not typical of the usual behaviour of a person or group: *The train's 20-minute delay, my Japanese friend informed me, was most untypical.* | *For some reason, and with untypical boldness, she took a step forward and walked into the room.* | + **of** *The solemn tone of this story is untypical of her usual style.*

# Uu

## ugly

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: — **beautiful**

▶ see also **look (9-10)**

### 1 person

- ▶ **ugly**
- ▶ **hideous**
- ▶ **repulsive**
- ▶ **grotesque**
- ▶ **unsightly**
- ▶ **he's/she's no oil-painting**

**ugly** /'ʌɡli/ [adj] extremely unattractive, with a face that is not at all nice to look at: *We hated our uncle. He was fat and ugly, with tiny eyes and a long, pointed nose.* | *An ugly little man came over and offered to buy me a drink.*

**hideous** /'hɪdiəs/ [adj] extremely ugly, especially because you were born with something wrong with you: *In fairy stories the Prince is always very handsome, and the witch hideous.* | *a man with a hideous twisted lip*

**repulsive** /rɪ'pʌlsɪv/ [adj] very ugly and extremely



unpleasant to look at, especially so that people do not like to look at you: *Delia was frightened of the operation, because afterwards she knew she would look repulsive.* | + to *The patient's disease was so terrible that his own skin was repulsive to him.*

**grotesque** /grəʊ'tesk/ [adj] extremely ugly in a strange or unnatural way: *The boy was twisting one side of his face in grotesque imitation of his grandfather.* | *Suddenly the grotesque figure of the hunchback Quasimodo loomed out of the darkness.* — **grotesquely** [adv] *Jacob lay on the bed with his mouth open. His face was purple and grotesquely swollen.*

**unsightly** /ʌn'saɪtli/ [adj] usually before noun an unsightly spot, mark, hair on your face etc is very unattractive **unsightly scar/fat/mark/spot/hair etc** *The accident left Simon with unsightly scars.* | *Electrolysis gets rid of unsightly facial hair.*

**he's/she's no oil-painting** British /**she's no Miss America** American /hi:z, ʃi:z nəʊ 'ɔɪl peɪntɪŋ, ʃi:z nəʊ mɪs ə'merɪkə/ informal use this as a humorous way of saying that someone is ugly: *'What's Anna's new boyfriend like?' 'Well, he's nice, but he's no oil painting.'*

## 2 not good-looking

- ▶ not very good-looking
- ▶ plain
- ▶ unattractive/not attractive
- ▶ homely
- ▶ not much to look at

**not very good-looking** /nɒt veri ˌɡʊd 'lʊkɪŋ/ [adj phrase] not nice to look at – use this as a less direct way of saying someone is unattractive: *He's a nice guy, but not very good-looking.*

**unattractive/not attractive** /ʌnə'træktɪv-, nɒt ə'træktɪv/ [adj] not nice to look at and not sexually attractive in a physical way: *Like many teenage girls, she was worried that she was unattractive.* | *He wasn't a particularly attractive man, but there was something about him that women liked.* | **find sb unattractive** (=think that someone is unattractive) *She was crazy about Carl, and couldn't understand why we found him unattractive.*

**plain** /pleɪn/ [adj] someone who is **plain**, especially a woman, is not ugly but is not at all good-looking: *Catherine, who had been rather plain as a child, was now an attractive young woman.* | *Miles was the plain one in an otherwise good-looking family.*

**homely** /'həʊmli/ [adj] American someone who is **homely** is not at all good-looking: *The waitress was a homely girl from Kansas.* | *Brad was a serious boy, very ordinary-looking but not downright homely.*

**not much to look at** /nɒt ˌmʌtʃ tə 'lʊk æt/ [adj phrase] if you say that someone is **not much to look at**, you mean that they are not good-looking, especially when other things about them are attractive: *Edward's not much to look at, but he has a great personality.*

## 3 object/building etc

- ▶ ugly
- ▶ monstrous
- ▶ unsightly
- ▶ an eyesore
- ▶ unattractive
- ▶ blot on the landscape
- ▶ hideous
- ▶ revolting

**ugly** /'ʌgli/ [adj] very unpleasant to look at: *Local residents think that the new shopping centre is one of*

*the ugliest buildings in the city.* | *The room was bare except for a few pieces of ugly furniture.*

**unsightly** /ʌn'saɪtli/ [adj] something that is **unsightly** is unpleasant to look at, and spoils the appearance of the things around it: *Bushes and plants make the perfect screen for unsightly objects such as dustbins.* | *Tight bras and knickers can cause unsightly bulges under close-fitting clothes.*

**unattractive** /ʌnə'træktɪv/ [adj] not at all pleasant to look at: *The town is surrounded by large, unattractive housing estates that nobody wants to live in.* | *Wearing an unattractive blouse and old-fashioned skirt, Lisa looked older than she was.*

**hideous** /'hɪdiəs/ [adj] extremely ugly: *One of our wedding presents was a hideous clock.* | *Emma was wearing an absolutely hideous purple and orange dress.*

**revolting** /rɪ'vəʊltɪŋ/ [adj] something that is **revolting** is so ugly that you do not like to look at it: *Remember that three piece suite Mrs Killeen had? It was grey and mustard. It was absolutely revolting!* | *Who's that TV presenter who always wears those revolting sweaters?*

**monstrosity** /mɒn'strɒsɪti/ma:n'stra:-/ [n C] a very large ugly building or object: *I rented a Spanish-style monstrosity in Beverly Hills while my apartment was redecorated.* | *This building is another monstrosity celebrated as a brilliant piece of architecture.*

**an eyesore** /ən 'aɪsɔːr/ [n singular] a large and very ugly building that you cannot avoid seeing: *They built a huge office block right next to the old cathedral – what an eyesore!* | *Intended to be the world's largest casino, it now stands as an eyesore near the big tourist and convention hotels of New Orleans.*

**blot on the landscape** /ˌblɒt ɒn ðə 'lænd-skeɪpˌblɑ:t-/ [n phrase] British something that spoils the view, especially an ugly building: *The container site at North Farm is a real blot on the landscape.*

# uncertain

## RELATED WORDS

- opposite: — **certainly/definitely**  
▶ see also **sure/not sure, know/not know, doubt**

## 1 something that you cannot be certain about

- ▶ uncertain/not certain
- ▶ be up in the air
- ▶ unclear/not clear
- ▶ there is uncertainty about/over sth

**uncertain/not certain** /ʌn'sɜːrtn, nɒt 'sɜːrtn/ [adj] something that is **uncertain**, has not been definitely shown or decided: *The cause of the accident is uncertain.* | *Exactly how and when these plant species came to the Great Plains is not certain.* | **it is uncertain whether/if** *It is still uncertain whether the conference will actually take place.* | **it is uncertain how/why/when/that** *It's uncertain when the trial will begin.* | *It is not at all certain that Christopher Columbus was the first European to discover America.*

**unclear/not clear** /ʌn'kliə, nɒt 'kliə/ [adj] a situation that is **unclear**, is one that people do not know enough or understand enough to be sure about it: *The causes of the dispute are not entirely clear.* | *At*



this hour, the fate of the passengers and crew is still unclear. | **it is unclear how/why/whether etc** It isn't clear how the fire started. | It's not yet clear whether the disease is caused by a virus. | It was unclear when the two sides would meet again to discuss the budget. | **it is not clear that** It's not clear that the problems with the new computer system have been worked out.

**be up in the air** /bi: ʌp ɪn ði 'eə/ [v phrase] informal use this about something that is uncertain because a decision has not yet been made: *I might be going on a training course next week, but it's still up in the air.* | *They still haven't said if I've got the job – it's all up in the air at the moment.*

**there is uncertainty about/over sth** /ðeə ɪz ʌn'sɜ:nti əbaʊt, əʊvə (sth)/ use this to say that people do not feel certain about what has happened or will happen, and are worried about it – used especially in newspapers and public speeches: *The Principal said there was uncertainty about the candidate's qualifications.* | *There is some uncertainty over where the refugees are going to be housed.*

## 2 when a situation is uncertain, and something bad may happen

- ▶ uncertain
- ▶ **be/look/remain etc doubtful**
- ▶ **be in doubt**
- ▶ **it's touch and go**
- ▶ **be/hang in the balance**
- ▶ **iffy**

**uncertain** /ʌn'sɜ:nt/ [adj] *The situation on the island is still very uncertain and the army is on full alert.* | *The long-term benefits of the treatment are extremely uncertain.* | *The economic outlook is so uncertain that I would think carefully before investing any money.* | **highly uncertain** (=very uncertain) *The company faces a highly uncertain future.*

**be/look/remain etc doubtful** /bi: 'daʊtʃəl/ [v phrase] to be uncertain and likely to be bad: *The result of the President's re-election campaign remains doubtful.* | *With more and more cuts in government spending, the program's future now seems doubtful.* | **it is doubtful if/whether** *It is doubtful if she will survive the operation.* | *It is extremely doubtful whether the aid is actually reaching the people who need it most.* | **it is doubtful that** *It is doubtful that the governor's proposed tax increase will be popular with voters.*

**be in doubt** /bi: ɪn 'daʊt/ [v phrase] if someone or something's future or success **is in doubt**, it seems very uncertain and they may not be able to continue or to succeed: *After yet another injury, his football career is in doubt.* | *The building's future remained in doubt until the government agreed to restore it.*

**it's touch and go** /ɪts ʔtʌtʃ ən 'gəʊ/ spoken you say **it's touch and go** when a situation seems extremely uncertain and you are worried that something may not happen in the way you want: *It was touch and go for a few hours, but we were able to get everything out of the basement before it flooded.* | *An urgent operation was needed to save his life, and doctors said it was touch and go until the end of the procedure.* | **+ whether** *Traffic was really heavy, and for a while it was touch and go whether they'd get to the wedding on time.*

**be/hang in the balance** /bi:, 'hæŋ ɪn ðə 'bæləns/ [v phrase] if something **is in the balance** or **hangs in the balance**, there is a risk that something bad will happen so that it will not continue: *The survival of the African elephant hangs in the balance.* | *His career as a politician hung in the bal-*

*ance.* | *I can't say what the outcome of the talks will be – they're very much in the balance at the moment.*

**iffy** /'ɪfi/ [adj not usually before noun] spoken informal use this to describe a plan or situation that seems uncertain and may not succeed or happen as you want: *'What's happening about your new job?' 'The whole thing's rather iffy at the moment.'* | *I was hoping to go to the beach today but it's looking iffy because of the weather.*

## 3 when two different results are possible

- ▶ **sth could go either way**
- ▶ **borderline**
- ▶ **there's a fifty-fifty chance**
- ▶ **it's a toss-up**

**sth could go either way** / (sth) kʊd gəʊ ,aɪðə 'weɪl-,i:/ [v phrase] informal if you say that something such as a game or a decision **could go either way**, you mean that either of two results is equally possible: *Legal experts following the case believe the trial could go either way.* | *Spurs are a goal up but there are ten minutes to go and the match could still go either way.*

**borderline** /'bɔ:rdə'laɪn/ [adj] a **borderline** case is a situation in which the decision is not certain, for example about whether someone should pass an exam, get a job etc **borderline case/decision etc** *In borderline cases we look at a student's class work to decide the final exam result.* | *It was a borderline decision whether to send him to prison or not.*

**there's a fifty-fifty chance** /ðeəz ə ,fɪfti fɪfti 'tʃɑ:ns||-'tʃæns/ spoken informal if you say **there is a fifty-fifty chance** of something happening, you mean there is an equal chance of it happening or not happening: *The weather forecast said there was a fifty-fifty chance of rain.* | **be fifty-fifty** (=there is a fifty-fifty chance) *It'll be a tough game – I'd say our chances of winning are fifty-fifty.*

**it's a toss-up** /ɪts ə 'tɒs ʌp||-'tɔ:s-/ spoken say this when you do not know which of two possibilities someone will choose, and you think each is equally likely: *'Have you decided where to go on holiday?' 'Well, it'll be either Portugal or Turkey – it's a toss-up.'* | **+ between** *I don't know who'll get the job. I guess it's a toss-up between Carl and Steve.*

## 4 when there are several different opinions about something

- ▶ **debatable**
- ▶ **questionable**
- ▶ **open to question/debate**
- ▶ **moot point**

**debatable** /dr'bertəbəl/ [adj] **it is debatable whether** *It is debatable whether these alternative medical treatments actually work.* | **a debatable point** *Whether or not the government was right to arrest the protesters is an extremely debatable point.*

**questionable** /'kwɛstʃənəbəl/ [adj] something that is **questionable** seems doubtful and is likely to be wrong or untrue: *The conclusions of the survey are questionable because the research was based on a very small sample of people.* | **it is questionable whether** *It is questionable whether the advertisements will increase sales.*

**open to question/debate** /əʊpən tə 'kwɛstʃən, dr'bert/ [adj phrase] something that is **open to question** or **open to debate** seems doubtful and needs to be checked or discussed: *Many people feel that the safety of the drug is now open to question.* | *Just why the guerrillas decided to shoot down the*



unarmed plane remains open to debate. | **it is open to question/debate whether** *It is open to debate whether the new government is any better than the old one.*

**moot point** /ˌmu:t 'pɔɪnt/ [n singular] something that different people have different opinions about: *I'm not sure that bringing in computers has made our job easier. It's a moot point.* | *Whether or not increasing taxes will result in a fairer society remains a moot point.*

## unconscious

unable to see, hear, feel etc, because you are injured, ill, drunk etc

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **conscious**  
 ▶ see also **drunk, sleep, accident, hit, wake up/get up**

### 1 unconscious

- ▶ unconscious
- ▶ be out cold
- ▶ be in a coma
- ▶ dazed

**unconscious** /ʌn'kɒnʃəs- 'kɑːn-/ [adj] not able to see, hear, feel etc, usually for a short time, for example because you have taken a drug or been hit on the head: *There was a woman lying unconscious on the floor.* | *The unconscious man was carefully lifted onto a stretcher.* — **unconsciousness** [n U] *A heavy concentration of the drug may produce dizziness or even unconsciousness.* | *She managed to crawl into a shed, and then lapsed into unconsciousness.*

**be in a coma** /biː ɪn ə 'kəʊmə/ [v phrase] to be unconscious for a long time, because of a serious accident or illness: *Marina has been in a coma for the past four months.* | **lie in a coma** *Jo Columbo lay in a coma, paralyzed by bullet wounds.*

**be out cold** /biː ˌaʊt 'kəʊld/ [v phrase] especially spoken to be unconscious: *The other boxer was out cold.*

**dazed** /deɪzd/ [adj] almost unconscious for a short time, and often unable to move, because you have had a shock, been hit on the head etc: *When the realization hit her, she just sat there looking dazed.* | *I stumbled from the room dazed and confused, completely disoriented by what had just happened.*

### 2 to become unconscious

- ▶ lose consciousness
- ▶ faint
- ▶ pass out
- ▶ black out/have a blackout
- ▶ slip/sink/lapse/fall into unconsciousness
- ▶ slip/sink/lapse/fall into a coma
- ▶ collapse

**lose consciousness** /luːz 'kɒnʃəs- 'kɑːn-/ [v phrase] to become unconscious, for example because you are seriously ill or because a doctor has given you a drug before an operation: *I remember looking down and seeing blood, and then I lost consciousness.* | *After Atkins collapsed and lost consciousness at work, she was sent to the hospital for a scan.*

**faint** /feɪnt/ [v I] to become unconscious so that you fall to the ground for a short time, for example because you are very hot or hungry: *One of the soldiers guarding the palace fainted in the heat.* | *I need to go outside. I feel as if I'm going to faint.* | *I must have fainted, and when I came to I didn't know where I was.*

**pass out** /ˌpɑːs 'aʊt, pæs-/ [phr v I] to become unconscious, usually for a short time, for example because you have had too much to drink, or because you cannot breathe properly: *When I first smoked a cigarette, I almost passed out.* | *I think the poor guy passed out. It looks like he's had a lot to drink.*

**black out/have a blackout** /ˌblæk 'aʊt, hæv ə 'blæk-aʊt/ [phr v I/v phrase] to become unconscious for a short time, usually without warning and for no clear reason: *Her father's been having blackouts, and the doctor has ordered a brain scan.* | *A man grabbed her and put a piece of cloth to her face. That's the last thing she remembers before blacking out.*

**slip/sink/lapse/fall into unconsciousness** /ˌslɪp, ˌsɪŋk, ˌlæps, ˌfɔːl ɪntu ʌn'kɒnʃəs- 'kɑːn-/ [v phrase] to gradually become unconscious, especially because you are seriously ill or near to death – used especially in descriptions of events and in stories: *The patient slipped into unconsciousness at around 7 am.* | *She managed to say a few words before falling into unconsciousness again.*

**slip/sink/lapse/fall into a coma** /ˌslɪp, ˌsɪŋk, ˌlæps, ˌfɔːl ɪntu ə 'kəʊmə/ [v phrase] to gradually become unconscious, and remain unconscious for a long time, because you are seriously ill or near to death: *The patient slipped into a coma, and died two days later.* | *After the accident she fell into a coma, and was on a life support machine for 6 months before regaining consciousness.*

**collapse** /kə'leɪps/ [v I] to fall and become unconscious, especially because you are very ill: *Come quickly, one of the passengers has collapsed.* | *After half a dozen glasses of whisky he collapsed and could not be revived.*

### 3 to make someone unconscious by giving them a drug

- ▶ anaesthetize
- ▶ knock sb out
- ▶ put sb to sleep

**anaesthetize** ALSO **anesthetize** American /ə'niːs-θətaɪz- 'nes-/ [v T usually in passive] to make someone unconscious so that they will feel no pain during an operation by giving them a drug: *Once the patient was fully anesthetized, the surgeon made a small incision in his chest.*

**put sb to sleep** /ˌpʊt (sb) tə 'sliːp/ [v phrase] informal to make someone unconscious by giving them a drug: *The doctor told me she was going to put me to sleep.*

**knock sb out** /ˌnɒk (sb) 'aʊt, nɑːk-/ [phr v T] if a drug **knocks** you out, it makes you unconscious: *I needed something to knock me out – it was the only way to escape from the pain.*

### 4 to make someone unconscious by hitting them

- ▶ knock sb out/knock sb unconscious
- ▶ beat sb unconscious/beat sb senseless
- ▶ stun

**knock sb out/knock sb unconscious** /ˌnɒk (sb) 'aʊt, ˌnɒk (sb) ʌn'kɒnʃəs- 'nɑːk-, -'kɑːn-/ [phr v T/v phrase] *There was a fight, and Mark was knocked unconscious.* | **knock sb out** *I hit him on the jaw and knocked him out.* | **knock out sb** *Louis knocked out his opponent in the first round.* | **knock sb out cold** *The impact was so sudden and so fierce, it knocked me out cold.*



**beat sb unconscious/beat sb senseless**

/ˌbi:t (sb) ʌnˈkɒnʃəs||-ˈkɑ:n-, ˌbi:t (sb) ˈsensləs/ [v phrase] to hit someone repeatedly until they become unconscious: *Murphy was attacked by two men and beaten unconscious.* | *She was beaten senseless and left for dead.*

**stun** /stʌn/ [v T] to make someone unconscious for a short time so that they do not know where they are, what is happening etc: *They had only intended to stun the guard, to give them time to escape.* | *Gamekeepers use special darts to stun the rhinos.*

# under/below

**RELATED WORDS**

opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **above**

▶ see also **down**

## 1 under something that is directly above

- ▶ **under**
- ▶ **underneath**
- ▶ **beneath**

**under** /ˈʌndər/ [prep] something that is **under** something else has that thing directly above it: *The pen fell under the desk.* | *If there's no one at home, just shove the letter under the door.* | *A small dog scampered into the room and dived under the table.* | *We stood close together under his umbrella, trying to keep dry.*

**underneath** /ˌʌndərˈni:θ/ [prep/adv] directly under another object and close to it: *We found your keys in the sofa underneath a cushion.* | *The cats like to sleep underneath the wood stove when it's cold.* | *Sheets of newspaper had been laid underneath the carpet.* | *A pipe was leaking, so we put a bucket underneath to catch the drips.*

**beneath** /brˈni:θ/ [prep] directly under something – used especially in formal writing or in literature: *The ship passed beneath the Golden Gate Bridge into San Francisco Bay.* | *As he walked across the hall, the boards creaked beneath his feet.*

## 2 in a lower position or at a lower level than something

- ▶ **below**
- ▶ **beneath**

**below** /brˈlæʊ/ [prep/adv] at a lower level: *John lives on the top floor and Julie lives on the floor below.* | *They looked down from the mountain to the valley far below.* | *The dog's leg was broken just below the hip.* | *Her hair hangs down below her shoulders.* | *Our pilot spotted two MiG29s flying below us.*

**beneath** /brˈni:θ/ [prep/adv] at a lower level than something and often a little in front or to one side of it – used especially in formal writing or in literature: *Beneath the east window of the church stands the great altar.* | *The army was encamped beneath the castle walls.* | *They stood on the cliff and gazed down at the raging sea beneath.*

## 3 under the ground or under water

- ▶ **under**
- ▶ **beneath**
- ▶ **underground/**  
**below ground**
- ▶ **subterranean**
- ▶ **underwater/under**  
**water**
- ▶ **submerged**

**under** /ˈʌndər/ [prep] *It is one of the largest mountain ranges under the Pacific Ocean.* | *Several of the stolen items were found buried under Mackie's house.* | *When the project is finished, most of Boston's major roads will run under the city.*

**beneath** /brˈni:θ/ [prep] **under** – used in formal writing or in literature: *Far beneath the waters of the North Atlantic lies the wreck of the great liner, the Titanic.* | *Petroleum occurs in natural deposits beneath the surface of the earth.*

**underground/below ground** /ˌʌndərˈgraʊnd<, brˈlæʊˈgraʊnd/ [adv] **under the ground**: *The men work underground for 12 hours a day.* | *The explosives will be stored below ground in concrete bunkers.* | **10 metres underground/two miles underground etc** *The nuclear waste is buried a half-mile underground.* — **underground** [adj only before noun] *an underground parking garage*

**subterranean** /ˌsʌbtəˈreɪniən</ [adj only before noun] **below the ground**: *A subterranean stream is believed to flow underneath the town.* | *a subterranean explosion* | *Electronic sensors have located a huge subterranean cavern in the Sierra Madre mountain range.*

**underwater/under water** /ˌʌndərˈwɔ:tər</ [adv] **under the water**: *I don't like opening my eyes underwater.* | *a camera specially designed for use under water* | *On land the seal is a clumsy creature, but underwater it moves with grace and agility.* — **underwater** [adj only before noun] *The research is done in underwater laboratories, so that scientists can study the creatures in their natural habitat.*

**submerged** /səbˈmɜ:rdʒd/ [adj] **just under the surface of the water**: *The boat hit a submerged rock.* | *Sometimes at low tide you can just see the submerged wreck of a large ship.* | **partially/partly submerged** *The flight recorder was found smashed and partially submerged in a creek nearby.*

## 4 under something such as clothes, skin, or paint

- ▶ **under/underneath**
- ▶ **beneath**

**under/underneath** /ˈʌndər, ˌʌndərˈni:θ/ [prep] *I was wearing a thick sweater under my coat, but I was still cold.* | *Scabies is a disease caused by a tiny insect that lays its eggs just underneath the skin.* — **underneath** [adv] *Padding prevents the rug's color from seeping through onto the floor underneath.*

**beneath** /brˈni:θ/ [prep] **under a layer of something** – used in formal writing or in literature: *The boy lay trembling beneath the bedclothes.* | *The inscription was hidden beneath a layer of dirt and grime.*



# understand/ not understand

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **realize, learn, know/not know, clear/not clear**

## 1 to understand a situation, idea, or what someone is telling you

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ▶ understand         | ▶ grasp               |
| ▶ know what sb means | ▶ make sense of       |
| ▶ see                | ▶ get the message     |
| ▶ get                | ▶ get the picture     |
| ▶ comprehend         | ▶ get your head round |

**understand** /ˌʌndərˈstænd/ [v I/T not in progressive] *She spoke slowly and clearly so that everyone could understand. | I didn't understand the teacher's instructions. | When he's old enough to understand, we'll tell him he's adopted. | + what/why/how etc Ben asked a few questions to make sure he understood what to do. | You don't need to understand how a computer works to use it. | + that The witness said he understood that he was swearing to give true and correct information. | easy/difficult to understand Computer manuals should be written in a way that is easy to understand. | understand perfectly (=understand completely) Don't worry. I understand perfectly. | fully understand (=understand completely) Doctors still do not fully understand the process by which the disease is transmitted.*

**know what sb means** /ˌnəʊ wɒt (sb) 'mi:nz/ [v phrase not in progressive] to understand what someone is telling you, especially if they have not expressed it very clearly: *I don't think your audience is going to know what you mean by this. | you know what I mean? (=say this to check that someone understands you) He seems really sad, you know what I mean? | I know what you mean (=say this to show that you understand) 'It's a thing you hold pieces of wood in when you're doing woodwork.' 'Oh, I know what you mean – a vice.'*

**see** /si:/ [v I/T] especially spoken to understand the truth about a situation, or understand the reasons for something **see what sb means** *Try it for yourself, and you'll see what I mean. | + why/how/what etc I can see why people don't like him. | I see (=say this when you understand what someone has told you) 'It goes in the red box, here.' 'Oh, I see.' | you see (=say this when you are explaining something) Well, you see, he's not really ready to read a book this difficult. | + (that) Well, I can see that the logic is somehow wrong, but I don't know why exactly. | see any reason Can you see any reason why it shouldn't work? | see the point (=understand why something is important) At fourteen, he couldn't see the point of staying in school. | see sb's point (=understand the main idea or importance of what someone is saying) I didn't like his attitude, but I could see his point. | see the joke British (=understand why something is funny) He's just one of those people who never seem to see the joke.*

**get** /get/ [v T not in progressive or passive] spoken to understand what someone says, what is happening, or why or how something happens **get it** *'Do you understand?' 'Yeah, we've got it,' one of the drivers replied. | Barbara Howell and her husband, Ken-*

*neth (Barbie and Ken, get it?) run a bed-and-breakfast inn. | I don't get it Why did you turn down such a fantastic job? I don't get it. | get a/the joke (=understand why something is funny) John told me one of his stupid jokes, and it took me about five minutes to get it. | get the point (=understand the main idea or importance of something) I don't think you get the point. Legally, you must give us this information. | get the idea The students should get the idea that this is a complex issue, with no easy answers. | get what/why/how etc I just couldn't get what he meant.*

**comprehend** /ˌkɒmpriˈhend/, ˌkɑ:m-/ [v T] formal to understand something that is complicated or difficult to understand: *Take the time to read, comprehend, and evaluate the report. | God cannot truly be seen or comprehended by the human mind. | fully comprehend (=understand something completely) The significance of the disappearance of the buffalo and the passenger pigeon was not fully comprehended until much later.*

**grasp** /grɑ:sp/ [v T not in progressive] to fully understand a fact or an idea, especially one that it is important or difficult to understand: *Obviously, she had barely grasped the subject. | Science lessons should be taught in a way that makes the material easier to grasp. | hard to grasp Fame has come suddenly, and Peyton is finding it hard to grasp. | + that The army had failed to grasp that their mission was to protect the navy's ships, not vice versa. — grasp [n U] beyond sb's grasp (=too difficult to understand) Some of the historical nuances are beyond the grasp of most children. | have a grasp of sth Cordell had an impressive grasp of military issues.*

**make sense of** /ˌmerk 'sens ɒv/ [v phrase] to understand something that is not clear or easy to understand, especially by spending time thinking about it: *Police are trying to make sense of a bizarre note left by the murderer. | There is so much information that it is difficult to make sense of it all.*

**get the message** /ˌget ðə 'mesɪdʒ/ [v phrase] informal to understand what someone is telling you or what they want you to do, especially after they have told you several times: *Even the Democrats got the message: voters are concerned about taxes. | + that He doesn't seem to get the message that he's not welcome here.*

**get the picture** /ˌget ðə 'pɪktʃər/ [v phrase] spoken to understand a situation or arrangement, especially one that someone is explaining to you: *I get the picture. You want me to say you were at my house last night. | We don't want any trouble tonight. Do you get the picture?*

**get your head round** /ˌget jɔ:r 'hed raʊnd/ [v phrase] British informal to understand something that is difficult or complicated: *I just couldn't get my head round geometry at school.*

## 2 to understand how someone feels

- |                     |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| ▶ understand        | ▶ put yourself in sb's place |
| ▶ see               | ▶ understandable             |
| ▶ appreciate        |                              |
| ▶ know how sb feels |                              |

- ▶ see also **sympathize**

**understand** /ˌʌndərˈstænd/ [v I/T] to understand how someone feels, and feel sympathy for them, especially when they are upset or have problems: *I'm sure your teacher will understand. | + how/what/why etc I understand how you feel, but I still think you should apologize to her.*



**see** /si:/ [v I/T] especially spoken to understand how someone feels and why they feel that way, especially because the reasons are very clear + **why/how/what** You can see why Clare was so annoyed, can't you? | + **that** I can see that you'd find that upsetting.

**appreciate** /ə'pri:ʃiət/ [v T] formal to understand clearly how someone feels or what problems they have: Congress did not appreciate the amount of anger that people felt about this issue. | Parents have to find ways to show their children that they appreciate their feelings and reactions. | + **(that)** I appreciate that it's not easy for you, but you must try to get here on time.

**know how sb feels** /,nəʊ haʊ (sb) 'fi:lz/ to understand how someone feels, because you have had the same feelings or experiences yourself: I know how you feel. I couldn't watch either – it was too upsetting. | **know how it feels (to do sth)** Believe me, I know how it feels to lose.

**put yourself in sb's place** /,pʊt jɔ:rsɛlf ɪn (sb's) 'pleɪs/ [v phrase] say this when you want someone to imagine they are in the same situation as another person, so that they can understand how the other person feels: Well, put yourself in her place. Would you like it if someone did that to you?

**understandable** /,ʌndər'stændəbəl/ [adj] feelings or attitudes that are understandable, especially feelings of anger, annoyance, or fear, do not surprise you because you can see that there are good reasons for them: That teachers are annoyed about having so much extra paperwork is understandable. | There is understandable anger among the victims' families. | **it is understandable that** It's understandable that she doesn't want to see Bill again. — **understandably** [adv] Understandably, she just wants to leave as soon as possible. | They were, quite understandably, annoyed by the delay.

### 3 to understand each part of a story, explanation etc

- ▶ follow
- ▶ be with
- ▶ keep up

**follow** /'fɒləʊ/ [v T] to understand a story, explanation, or talk that continues for a long time: I had difficulty following the story – there are so many different characters. | **difficult/hard/easy to follow** The lecture was very hard to follow.

**be with** /bi: 'wið/ [v phrase] informal to have understood everything so far in an explanation that someone is giving: I'm sorry but I'm not with you. Could you explain that part again? | Then you press this button. Are you with me so far?

**keep up** /,ki:p 'ʌp/ [phr v I] to manage to understand each part of something, especially a very long or complicated explanation or story: She covers so much in these lectures – I don't know how you manage to keep up. | + **with** It's a complicated film, and some people may find it hard to keep up with the plot.

### 4 to understand new facts after studying them

- ▶ digest
- ▶ take in
- ▶ absorb
- ▶ assimilate
- ▶ sink in

**digest** /daɪ'dʒest/ [v T] to understand new information, especially when there is a large amount of it or when it is difficult to understand, by thinking about it carefully for a fairly long time: The pub went silent

as the villagers digested the news. | By the end of the day, I had a lot of new information to digest.

**take in** /,teɪk 'ɪn/ [phr v T] to understand and remember new facts or information **take sth in** I'm not going to my next class. I'm too tired to take anything in. | + **what/why/how etc** I don't think she really took in what I was telling her. | **take in sth** She listened attentively, taking in every word he said and asking questions.

**absorb** /əb'sɔ:rb, əb'zɔ:rb/ [v T] to understand a large amount of new information: Most people need to read something more than once to absorb all the ideas. | He appeared to understand, but whether he absorbed every detail I cannot say. | A new baby has an enormous capacity for absorbing new information.

**assimilate** /ə'sɪmɪleɪt/ [v T] to understand and use new information or ideas quickly and easily: The person we are looking for must be flexible, creative, and able to assimilate new ideas. | When a child is learning something new, they try to assimilate it in terms of what they already know.

**sink in** /,sɪŋk 'ɪn/ [phr v I] if a fact, information etc **sinks in**, you gradually understand it: He paused to let this news sink in. | I've been revising all day but I don't think much of it has sunk in.

### 5 to understand the meaning of something in a particular way

- ▶ make of
- ▶ read
- ▶ take sth to mean
- ▶ see sth as
- ▶ interpret
- ▶ understand by
- ▶ understand sth/sb to mean
- ▶ construe sth as

**make of** /'meɪk ɒv/ [phr v T not in progressive; usually in questions or negative sentences] to believe that something strange, difficult, or unusual has a particular meaning: Have you read Dawson's letter? What do you make of it? | Tom could see that McCarron didn't know what to make of the information.

**read** /ri:d/ [v T] to think that a remark, an action, an event etc shows that someone has a particular opinion or feeling even though they do not say this directly: Good managers are usually able to read a situation quickly and take the right action. | **read sth as sth** Men shouldn't be surprised if women read this behaviour as threatening.

**take sth to mean** /,teɪk (sth) tə 'mi:n/ [v phrase] to choose to understand a particular meaning in someone's words or actions without being sure that this is the correct meaning: There was a pause, which he took to mean she was angry. | Television producers should not take low ratings to mean failure.

**see sth as** /'si: (sth) æz/ [phr v T] to understand a remark, a piece of writing, an event etc as having a particular meaning, especially because of your own feelings, opinions, or situation: I see this poem as an attack on social injustice. | Young children often see the birth of a new brother or sister as a great threat.

**interpret** /ɪn'tɜ:prɪt/ [v T] to choose to understand a piece of information or group of facts in one of several possible ways: Fairy tales can be interpreted in several different ways. | **interpret sth as sth** The statement was interpreted as a threat against the United States. — **interpretation** /ɪn'tɜ:prɪ'teɪʃən/ [n C] + **of** The interpretation of laboratory data is often difficult.

**understand by** /,ʌndər'stænd baɪ/ [v phrase] to find a particular meaning in an expression or in the name of something, even though other people may



understand it differently: *What do you understand by the term 'alternative medicine'?* | *He spoke of profits, by which I understood profits for his company, not for us.*

**understand sth/sb to mean** /ʌndər'stænd (sth/sb) tə 'mi:n/ [v phrase] to think that someone's remarks, a word, a piece of writing etc means something or has a particular message, even though this is not stated directly: *'It's very good. You'll like it,' their mother said, and gave them a look that they understood to mean they must eat it whether they liked it or not.*

**construe sth as** /kən'stru: (sth) æz/ [v phrase] formal to understand a remark or action in a particular way, when there are other possible ways of understanding it: *Such activities by the Americans could be construed as an act of war.* | *Films that could be construed as offensive are shown after nine o'clock.*

## 6 to begin to understand something

- ▶ begin to understand
- ▶ catch on
- ▶ get it
- ▶ figure/work out
- ▶ twig
- ▶ cotton on
- ▶ click
- ▶ fall into place

**begin to understand** /bɪˌɡɪn tə ʌndər'stænd/ [v phrase] to slowly begin to understand a situation or someone's feelings, because you get more information or because you experience something for yourself: *I think it will be a long time before we even begin to understand how damaging the effect has been.* | *Patients are given written information and videos so that they can begin to understand more about their condition.* | + **that** *I was beginning to understand that being alone could be terribly depressing.* | + **why/how/what etc** *As we walked up the narrow staircases, we began to understand why the Dutch haul their furniture up the outside of the buildings and through the windows.*

**catch on** /ˌkætʃ 'ɒn/ [phr v l] informal to begin to understand something that is not easy to understand: *Thomas isn't catching on as quickly as some of the other children.* | + **to** *It took Jennifer a long time to catch on to the fact that Mary was taking advantage of her.* | **catch on fast/quickly** *She catches on fast and will soon be promoted.*

**get it** /'get ɪt/ [v phrase] spoken to finally understand something, especially after it has been explained to you several times: *Okay, I get it. You only get paid if you sell at least ten copies.* | *'So the plant takes in carbon dioxide and gives out oxygen.'* *'That's it. You've got it.'*

**figure/work out** /ˌfɪɡər, 'wɜ:rk 'aʊt/ [phr v T] to think about something until you understand it, especially something complicated: *Horgan thought he had it all figured out, but he hadn't.* | **figure/work sth out** *In case you haven't figured it out yet, we've been tricked.* | + **how/why/what etc** *Detectives are still trying to work out what happened.*

**twig** /twɪɡ/ [v l/T] British informal to begin to understand a situation by what you see and hear around you, and not by being told directly: *Oh, I get it, I've twigged at last. How much do you want?* | + **that** *At last I twigged that I was pregnant* | + **why/where/what etc** *It took him about two minutes to twig what I was going on about!*

**cotton on** /ˌkɒtn 'ɒn/ [phr v l] informal to begin to understand a situation by what you see and hear around you, and not by being told directly + **to** *It took him a while to cotton on to what was happen-*

*ing.* | *Large stores have at last cottoned on to the fact that mothers with pushchairs can't cope with stairs.*

**click** /klɪk/ [v l] if something clicks, especially something you are learning, you suddenly begin to understand it: *Just keep working at it, and suddenly it will all click.*

**fall into place** /ˌfɔ:l ɪntə 'pleɪs/ [v phrase] if several facts fall into place, you begin to understand how they are connected and why each one is important, so that you understand a whole situation or subject: *Once the police received this new evidence, things began falling into place.*

## 7 when you understand something

- ▶ comprehension
- ▶ insight
- ▶ understanding

**comprehension** /ˌkɒmprɪ'hensjən/ [n U] when you understand something, especially a piece of spoken or written language, or the ability to do this: *The teacher gave us a comprehension test.* | *We tried to explain the causes of the war at a child's level of comprehension.* | **reading comprehension** (=ability to understand what you read) *You need to practise your reading comprehension more.* | **beyond sb's comprehension** (=too difficult to understand) *He was caught up in frightening events far beyond his comprehension.*

**understanding** /ˌʌndər'stændɪŋ/ [n U] when you understand a situation, subject, idea etc, or someone's ability to do this: *A much greater level of understanding is required to carry out more complex experiments.* | + **of** *He seems to have very little understanding of economics.* | *The research may lead to a better understanding of how the disease develops.*

**insight** /'ɪnsaɪt/ [n C/U] the ability to understand or realize something new about a subject or to more clearly understand the nature of a problem, situation, or subject etc: *Crick soon established himself as a scientist of great insight and creativity.* | + **into** *We help troubled teenagers gain some insight into their own problems.*

## 8 easy to understand

- ▶ easy to understand/follow
- ▶ clear
- ▶ comprehensible
- ▶ intelligible
- ▶ accessible
- ▶ coherent

**easy to understand/follow** /ˌi:zi tə ʌndər'stænd, 'fɒləʊ/ [adj phrase] *The instructions are easy to follow.* | *On cards are five easy to follow recipes for you to cut out and keep.* | *We try to write it in language that is easy to understand.*

**clear** /klɪər/ [adj] instructions, explanations etc that are clear are explained in easy language or stages and are therefore easy to understand: *Most of the 'help' messages you get on computers aren't at all clear to ordinary home users.* | *Thanks for your directions to the apartment – they were really clear and we had no problems finding it.* | *Perhaps I didn't make myself clear – there won't be a penny of extra money for this project.*

**comprehensible** /ˌkɒmprɪ'hensɪbəl/ [adj] something that is comprehensible is easy to understand because it does not contain any complicated information and is expressed in very clear language: *Visual aids can make lessons much more interesting and comprehensible.* | *Each entry in the guide is brief and immediately comprehensible.* |



+ to *The music was experimental, and not comprehensible to the average concert-goer.*

**intelligible** /ɪn'telɪdʒəbəl/ [adj] something that is **intelligible**, such as a subject you study or a piece of writing or speech, is fairly easy to understand: *Her English was strongly accented but quite intelligible.* | + to *It is sometimes difficult to discuss medical issues in a way that is intelligible to ordinary people.*

**accessible** /ək'sesəbəl/ [adj] books, films, information etc that are **accessible** are written or made in a way that is easy to understand even though they may concern subjects that are complicated: *Philip Glass has produced something very rare – an accessible modern opera.* | *I don't find James Joyce's writing very accessible.* | + to *He was specifically asked to write a play that would be accessible to the local community.*

**coherent** /kəʊ'hɪərənt/ [adj] a piece of writing or speech that is **coherent** is easy to understand because it is clear and well-planned, so that all the parts fit well together: *I was so confused that I could not give a coherent answer.* | *Rescuers found Campbell, who was conscious and coherent.* | *History could be defined as a coherent account of an event.*

## 9 to not understand something correctly

- ▶ **misunderstand**
- ▶ **misunderstanding**
- ▶ **misinterpret**
- ▶ **misread**
- ▶ **miss the point**
- ▶ **take sth the wrong way**
- ▶ **get the wrong end of the stick**
- ▶ **be at cross-purposes**
- ▶ **don't get me wrong**
- ▶ **lose the plot**

**misunderstand** /ˌmɪsʌndər'stænd/ [v I/T] to think that someone means one thing when in fact they mean something else: *I think she misunderstood you.* | *I'm sorry, I must have misunderstood.* | *According to Bennett, you misunderstood the reason you were dropped from the list.*

**misunderstanding** /ˌmɪsʌndər'stændɪŋ/ [n C/U] a problem caused when someone does not understand something correctly: *There seems to have been a misunderstanding. I didn't order steak.* | *Cultural differences between people from different countries can sometimes lead to misunderstandings.*

**misinterpret** /ˌmɪsɪn'tɜːprɪt/ [v T] to not understand the true meaning of someone's actions or words, so that you believe something that is not in fact true: *Your friendliness could easily be misinterpreted.* | *A lot of people misinterpreted what I was saying, and have called me a racist.*

**misread** /ˌmɪs'riːd/ [v T] to wrongly believe that someone's actions show that they have a particular opinion or feeling: *Unfortunately, we misread the situation and lost a lot of sales.* | *The intelligence community was criticized for misreading Iraq's intentions.*

**miss the point** /ˌmɪs ðə 'pɔɪnt/ [v phrase] if you **miss the point**, you think you understand what someone says or what is important about a situation, but in fact you are wrong: *I soon realised that he had completely missed the point.* | *He's so caught up in the rules that he's missing the point of the game, which is just to have fun.*

**take sth the wrong way** /ˌteɪk (sth) ðə ˈrɒŋ 'weɪ/ [v phrase] to be offended or upset by a remark that was not intended to offend or upset you, because you understood it wrongly: *Don't tell Simon that – he might take it the wrong way.* | *No,*

*that's not what I meant. You take everything the wrong way.* | **don't take this the wrong way** (=say this when you want to give advice or ask something that you think might offend someone) *Don't take this the wrong way, but could I stay at your place tonight?*

**get the wrong end of the stick** /get ðə ˈrɒŋ end əv ðə 'stɪk/ [v phrase] British an informal expression meaning to make a mistake about one part of something that you are told, so that you understand the rest of it in completely the wrong way: *Maybe I got the wrong end of the stick. I thought she was leaving him, not the other way round.*

**be at cross-purposes** /biː ət ˈkrɒs 'pɜːrpəsɪz/ [v phrase] if two people are **at cross-purposes**, each of them thinks that they understand what the other is talking about, when in fact they are talking about two different things: *I think we're at cross purposes – I'm talking about John, not Nigel.*

**don't get me wrong** /ˌdəʊnt get miː 'rɒŋ/ [v phrase] spoken say this when you do not want someone to understand something wrongly or be upset by what you say: *I like Jenny, don't get me wrong, but I do think she acts a little childish at times.* | *Don't get me wrong, I love my family, I just don't want to be with them all the time.*

**lose the plot** /ˌluːz ðə 'plɒt/ [v phrase] British spoken to suddenly be unable to understand what is happening in a situation, especially when people expect you to understand and deal with it: *In the past few days the President seems to have completely lost the plot.*

## 10 to not understand

- ▶ **not understand**
- ▶ **can't make head or/nor tail of**
- ▶ **be over sb's head**
- ▶ **be out of your depth**
- ▶ **be none the wiser**
- ▶ **don't/can't see**
- ▶ **be a mystery to me/be beyond me/beats me**
- ▶ **I can't think/can't imagine**

**not understand** /nɒt ʌndər'stænd/ [v phrase] *They didn't understand a single word she said.* | *Tell me if you don't understand.* | *She thought about getting a divorce, but she knew her children would never understand.* | *He made a few references to the CIA and national security, which Wilson did not understand.* | + **why/how/what/where** *I really can't understand why so many people like her music.*

**can't make head or/nor tail of** ALSO **can't make heads or tails (out) of** American /kɑːnt meɪk ˈhed ɔːr ˈnoːr ˈteɪl ʌv ˌkɑːnt meɪk ˈhedz ɔːr ˈteɪlz (aʊt) ʌv/ [v phrase] informal to be unable to understand something at all because it is very complicated or confusing: *I just can't make head or tail of this train timetable.* | *I couldn't make head or tail of this book, and had real trouble finishing it.* | *Consumers can't always make heads or tails out of the way nutrition is labeled on a food package.*

**be over sb's head** /biː ˌəʊvər (sb's) 'hed/ [v phrase] to be much too complicated or technical for someone to understand: *It was obvious from her expression that what I was saying was over her head.* | **be way/completely over sb's head** *I went to the lecture, but it was way over my head.*

**be out of your depth** /biː ˌaʊt əv ʃɔːr 'depθ/ [v phrase] to be involved in a situation or activity which is too difficult for you to understand: *She was out of her depth in the advanced class, so they moved her to the intermediate class.* | **be way/completely out of**



**your depth** *I tried to read the report, but I was way out of my depth.*

**be none the wiser** /bi: nʌn ðə 'waɪzər/ [v phrase] to still not understand something after someone has tried to explain it to you: *I've read the manual but I'm still none the wiser.* | **leave sb none the wiser** *His explanations of how it worked left me none the wiser.*

**don't/can't see** /dəʊnt, kɑ:nt 'si:ll,kænt-/ [v phrase] spoken to not understand the reason for something + **why/how/what/where** *I didn't see how they could sell it so cheaply.* | *I can't see why you think it's any of your business.*

**be a mystery to me/be beyond me/beats me** /bi: ə 'mɪstəri tə 'mi:, bi: bɪjənd 'mi:ll-jænd-, bɪ:ts 'mi:/ [v phrase] spoken say this when you cannot understand why something happens or how someone does something, and you find it very surprising + **how/what/why etc** *It's a mystery to me how he can get so much work done in such a short time.* | *Why anyone would willingly do that job is beyond me.* | **it beats me/it's beyond me etc.** *'Why does she stay with her husband then?' 'It beats me.'*

**I can't think/can't imagine** /aɪ kɑ:nt 'θɪŋk, kɑ:nt ɪ'mædʒɪnll-,kænt-/ you say **I can't think** or **I can't imagine** how or why someone does something when you cannot think of any reasonable explanation why someone should do it, and are very surprised that they do + **why/how etc** *He wants to join the army – I can't think why.* | *How such a stupid man ever got to be a politician, I just can't imagine.*

## 11 difficult or impossible to understand

- ▶ puzzling
- ▶ baffling
- ▶ incomprehensible
- ▶ unintelligible
- ▶ incoherent
- ▶ obscure

**puzzling** /'pʌzllɪŋ/ [adj] a **puzzling** situation makes you feel confused, because you have tried to understand it or explain it, but you cannot: *The police are investigating the puzzling death of a man found on the freeway.* | *Alzheimer's disease is one of medicine's most puzzling and feared illnesses.* | *The fact that many people still do not understand this basic concept is both puzzling and troubling.*

**baffling** /'bæflɪŋ/ [adj] extremely difficult or impossible to understand, and therefore making you feel extremely confused: *To an ordinary person, the legal arguments were baffling.* | *New evidence has provided a clue to one of the most baffling crimes the police have had to deal with.*

**incomprehensible** /ɪn,kɒmpri'hensɪbəl-,kɑ:m-/ [adj] impossible to understand: *His English was incomprehensible.* | **it is incomprehensible that** *It is incomprehensible that a tragedy like this could be joked about.* | + **to** *The leaflet was written in jargon that would have been totally incomprehensible to anyone outside the profession.*

**unintelligible** /,ʌnɪn'telɪdʒəbəl-/ [adj] speech or writing that is **unintelligible** is impossible to understand because it is not clear, simple, or well planned: *Joe muttered something unintelligible, clasp his head in his hands.* | *Radio transmissions were often cut off or unintelligible.*

**incoherent** /,ɪnkəʊ'hɪərənt-/ [adj] **incoherent** speech is very difficult to understand, especially because the person who is speaking is drunk, ill, or very angry: *Harris gave rambling, incoherent answers to questions about the case.* | *She was clearly very ill, and at times her speech was incoherent.*

—**incoherently** [adv] *Rochester was banging his fists on the wall, raging incoherently.*

**obscure** /əb'skjuə-/ [adj] a statement, joke, or idea that is **obscure** is very difficult to understand because the meaning is not clear unless it is carefully explained to you: *Best's art is eccentric and obscure.* | *Publishers would not print his earlier poetry because they felt it was too obscure.*

## unfair

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: **fair**  
▶ see also **cruel, unkind, equal/not equal**

## 1 not treating people in a way that is reasonable or equal

- ▶ unfair/not fair
- ▶ unreasonable
- ▶ undeserved
- ▶ biased
- ▶ unjust
- ▶ favour

**unfair/not fair** /,ʌn'feər-, nɒt 'feər/ [adj] not treating everyone equally, or not treating people in a way that most people think is right: *The present welfare system is grossly unfair.* | *unfair laws* | *Do you think I'm being unfair?* | *I don't want to be unfair, but you have to admit she behaved stupidly.* | **it's/that's not fair** spoken *Why do I always have to do the laundry? It's not fair!* | *That's not fair – it puts me at a disadvantage!* | **it is unfair that/it is not fair that** *It seems very unfair that she got all the blame.* | **it is unfair/not fair to do sth** *It's not fair to have a dog if you're out at work all day.* | *I told him it wasn't fair to treat her any differently.* | + **to/on** *This sort of arrangement is not fair on the players, and not fair on the fans.* | *The tax laws are very unfair to the self-employed* | **not fair/unfair of sb (to do sth)** *It's unfair of you to judge all young people in the same way.*

**unreasonable** /ʌn'ri:zənəbəl/ [adj] not fair or not sensible: *It is possible for telephone companies to make profit without charging unreasonable rates.* | *Some news media have described the government's actions as excessive and unreasonable.* | *She divorced her husband on the grounds of unreasonable behaviour.* | *It didn't seem like an unreasonable request.* | **it is unreasonable (for sb) to do sth** *It's unreasonable to expect people to pay for something they haven't even seen yet.* | *It is not unreasonable for parents to want schools to reinforce the values children are taught at home.*

**undeserved** /,ʌndɪ'zɜ:vd-/ [adj] a punishment or criticism that is **undeserved** is unfair because you do not deserve it: *He's come in for a lot of criticism, most of it completely undeserved.* | *Unfortunately, Lamarck has developed an undeserved reputation as a loser.* | *an undeserved and unwarranted attack*

**biased** /'baɪəst/ [adj not usually before noun] unfairly against, or unfairly in favour of a particular group: *The system is so biased that many citizens simply do not register to vote.* | **biased towards/biased in favour of** *Export policy has been biased towards overseas customers.* | *Much of the information the clinics gave people was incomplete and biased in favour of educated middle-class clients.* | + **against** *University acceptance policies seem to be biased against minorities.*

**unjust** /,ʌn'dʒʌst-/ [adj] not fair or right according to the principles or ideas of a particular society: *They didn't mind breaking the law because they*



*believed the law was unjust.* | *an unjust and pointless war* | *The legal aid charity has helped overturn some notoriously unjust verdicts.* — **unjustly** [adv] *Amnesty International launched a new campaign on behalf of people who have been unjustly imprisoned.*

**favour** British /**favor** American /'feɪvər/ [v T not usually in progressive] to treat one person in a group better than others, when you should treat all of them the same: *Many teachers favour boys, often without even realizing it.* | **favour sb over sb** *The Federal Republic denied that its policies favored any race over another.*

## 2 unfair treatment because of someone's race, sex, age etc

- ▶ **discrimination**
- ▶ **discriminate against**
- ▶ **prejudice**
- ▶ **inequality**
- ▶ **discriminatory**
- ▶ **double standards**

▶ see also **prejudiced**

**discrimination** /dɪ'skrɪmɪˈneɪʃən/ [n U] + **against** *The Department was notorious for its blatant discrimination against non-U.S. citizen employees.* | *The policy forbids any form of discrimination against gay and lesbian students.* | **racial discrimination** (=discrimination because of someone's race) *a plan to tackle racial discrimination in the police force* | **sexual/sex/gender discrimination** (=discrimination because of someone's sex) *a sex discrimination case* | **age discrimination** (=discrimination because of someone's age, especially if they are quite old) *He believed his boss had violated the age discrimination law.* | **reverse discrimination** (=the practice of treating unfairly a group of people who usually have advantages, in order to be fair to people who do not have those advantages) *White-male fears of reverse discrimination have been widely exaggerated.*

**discriminate against** /dɪ'skrɪmɪˈneɪt əɡenst/ [phr v T] to treat someone unfairly because of their race, sex, age etc – use this especially about companies, the police, judges etc: *Shaun says he has definitely been discriminated against because he's black.* | *Why do so many companies think it's OK to discriminate against older people?*

**prejudice** /'predʒʊdɪs/ [n C/U] when people do not like or trust someone who is different, for example because they belong to a different race, country, religion etc: *For years he has fought against prejudice and racial hatred.* | + **against** *a rising prejudice against gays* | **racial prejudice** (=prejudice because of someone's race) *The number of hate crimes spurred by racial prejudice is increasing in our state.*

**inequality** /,ɪnɪ'kwɒləti/-'kwaː-/ [n C/U] when people do not have the same rights or opportunities in their education, their jobs etc, because of their sex, race, or social class + **in** *The report looks at inequality in education.* | + **between** *The study shows that large inequalities still exist between men and women.* | + **of/in** *Most of the complaints centered on the inequality of the justice system.* | **social/sexual/ racial etc inequality** *Social inequality is likely to increase in the 21st century.* | *signs of economic inequality*

**discriminatory** /dɪ'skrɪmɪnətəri/-tɔːri/ [adj] **discriminatory** laws, systems etc treat one particular group in society, such as women or black people, unfairly: *Congress is to launch an inquiry into discriminatory acts by immigration officials.* | *The government enacted laws to protect women from discriminatory employment practices.* | *Was there evidence of discriminatory treatment?*

**double standards** /ˌdʌbəl 'stændərdz/ [n plural] an attitude or belief, usually about the way you should behave, that is unfairly thought to be correct for one group in society but not for another: *Their action is designed to call attention to the double standards operating in the Mexican judicial system.* | *What disturbs me most is the racial double standard that exists in foreign policy: Predominantly white countries are given aid and attention while predominantly non-white countries are ignored.*

## 3 when a report, description etc is unfair

- ▶ **unfair**
- ▶ **biased**
- ▶ **one-sided**
- ▶ **slanted**

**unfair** /ˌʌn'feə/ [adj] *The press has been accused of unfair coverage of the recent elections.* | *There is nothing unfair about a story that is written from both points of view.*

**biased** /'baɪəst/ [adj not usually before noun] a **biased** report, account etc is unfair and not correct because it supports one particular group, usually because the writer or newspaper has a connection with that group: *There have been complaints about biased reporting in the tabloid press.* | **biased towards/biased in favour of** *Most newspapers are biased towards one political party or the other.* | + **against** *Roughly four-fifths of Sun readers believed the paper was biased against the Labour party.*

**one-sided** /ˌwʌn 'saɪdɪd/ [adj] a **one-sided** account, description etc is unfair because it only gives one opinion and not the opposite one, or only tells one part of the story when there are other equally important parts: *Newspapers often give a very one-sided account of political events.* | *Corcoran called the accusations unjust and one-sided.*

**slanted** /'slɑːntɪd/'slæn-/ [adj] presenting facts or information in a way that favours one opinion or side of an argument: *White will make a tough stand against slanted reporting.* | + **in favour of** *Her arguments are clearly slanted in favour of capital punishment, in spite of her religious convictions.*

## 4 when one person or group is treated much better than others

- ▶ **favouritism**
- ▶ **preferential treatment**
- ▶ **nepotism**

**favouritism** British /**favoritism** American /'feɪvərɪˈtɪzəm/ [n U] when a teacher, parent, manager etc treats one person in a much better way than the others because they like that person, not because that person deserves it: *Within government, favoritism and nepotism are rampant.* | *If I give Paul the job, I'll be accused of favoritism.* | + **towards** British /**toward** American *The Labor Secretary said there had been no favoritism toward management in the dispute.*

**preferential treatment** /ˌprefərənʃəl 'trɪt-mənt/ [n U] if a particular person or group gets **preferential treatment**, they are treated better than other people and therefore have an advantage over them: *She has insisted that she receive no preferential treatment for being an American citizen.* | **give sb preferential treatment** *I get the impression it's busty women who are given preferential treatment around here.* | **receive/get preferential treatment** *Neither I nor my company received any preferential treatment from the White House.*



**nepotism** /ˈnepəˌtɪzəm/ [n U] when someone in authority gives jobs or special treatment to members of their family – use this to show disapproval: *He resigned, amid rumours of nepotism.* | *Nepotism is an old story in Hollywood circles.*

## 5 a situation or decision which is very unfair

- ▶ injustice
- ▶ miscarriage of justice
- ▶ travesty

**injustice** /ɪnˈdʒʌstɪs/ [n C/U] when people are treated with great unfairness, especially in connection with their legal rights: *She will be remembered for her ceaseless campaigning against injustice.* | *These injustices are intolerable, especially when the victims are children.* | **economic/social/racial injustice** *The group, called the Wilmington 10, were active in protests against racial injustices in the schools in the early 1970s.*

**travesty** /ˈtrævɪsti/ [n C] a situation that is extremely unfair and morally wrong because it has completely the opposite result to the one it is supposed to have: *The Salem witch trials have proved to be a legal travesty.* | **a travesty of justice** *Not allowing her to speak in her own defence was a travesty of justice.*

**miscarriage of justice** /mɪsˌkæərɪdʒ əv ˈdʒʌstɪs/ [n phrase] a situation in which someone is wrongly punished for a crime that they were not responsible for: *Whenever a miscarriage of justice is discovered, people lose respect for the law.* | *The safeguards are intended to prevent a miscarriage of justice.* | **a gross miscarriage of justice** (=a very serious miscarriage) *The execution was a gross miscarriage of justice against an innocent man.*

# unfortunately

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ to feel sorry for someone who is unhappy *see sympathize*
- ▶ to wish you had not done something *see regret*
- ▶ *see also* **sorry, unlucky**

## 1 when you wish that something had not happened or was not true

- ▶ unfortunately
- ▶ sadly
- ▶ it's a pity/shame
- ▶ it's sad
- ▶ too bad
- ▶ it's unfortunate
- ▶ more's the pity
- ▶ regrettably

**unfortunately** /ʌnˈfɔːrtʃənətli/ [adv] use this to show that you wish something had not happened, or you wish something was not true: *There's nothing I can do about it, unfortunately.* | *Unfortunately, Dr Cole cannot spend as long with each patient as she would like.* | *We took some fantastic photos, but unfortunately the film got damaged.*

**sadly** /ˈsædli/ [adv] unfortunately – use this to talk about events or situations that are very sad: *Sadly, this fine old theatre was destroyed by fire in 1993.* | *Alice was rushed to hospital, but sadly she died two hours later.*

**it's a pity/shame** /ɪts ə ˈpɪti, ˈʃeɪm/ spoken say this to show that you feel disappointed or sad about something that has happened: *It's a pity about the weather – it was so nice yesterday.* | **+** **(that)** *It's a shame you can't come with us.* | **what a pity/shame!**

(=say this to show that you feel sad or sympathetic about something) *'Janet didn't get that job.'* *'Oh, what a pity!'* | **a real/terrible shame** *They've cut down all those beautiful trees. It's a terrible shame.*

**it's sad** /ɪts ˈsæd/ spoken use this to show that you feel upset about something sad that has happened, and you wish the situation was different **+** **(that)** *It's so sad that your father can't be here to see this.* | **+** **when** *It's sad when a marriage breaks up, especially after all those years.* | **it's very/terribly sad** *The town centre is dying, and most of the shops have closed down. It's terribly sad.*

**too bad** /tuː ˈbæd/ especially American use this to say you are disappointed or sad that someone could not do something, or something could not happen: *'Senator Volk's out of town.'* *'Too bad! I wanted to meet him and talk about the campaign.'* | **+** **(that)** *Too bad Dickie isn't here to enjoy the fun.* | *It's too bad you have to leave, just when we need you most.*

**it's unfortunate** /ɪts ʌnˈfɔːrtʃənət/ spoken say this when something causes disappointment, suffering or is inconvenient etc: *The wedding was lovely. It was just unfortunate about the rain.* | **+** **(that)** *It's unfortunate that you have to travel so far to work.*

**more's the pity** /ˌmɔːr z ðə ˈpɪti/ British spoken say this when you wish that the fact that you have just mentioned was not true: *Now I'm too old to fall in love, more's the pity.* | *I'm afraid this car doesn't belong to me, more's the pity.*

**regrettably** /rɪˈɡretəbli/ [adv] formal use this when you consider the existing situation to be unsatisfactory: *Regrettably Jousse's work has not been translated into English.* | *The poor and disadvantaged will, regrettably, be the ones to suffer as a result of the new law.*

## 2 something that you wish had not happened or was not true

- ▶ unfortunate
- ▶ regrettable

**unfortunate** /ʌnˈfɔːrtʃənət/ [adj] *Parents are so busy with their careers that they don't have time to have fun with their children, and that's unfortunate.* | **unfortunate circumstances/event/situation etc** *'It was an unfortunate set of circumstances that no one could have predicted,' a spokesperson said today.*

**regrettable** /rɪˈɡretəbəl/ [adj] formal something that is regrettable makes you feel sorry because it has unpleasant results: *'This is an unfortunate and extremely regrettable incident,' the minister told a newspaper.* | *It was decided by the authorities that the building of the dam across the valley was a 'regrettable necessity'.*

# unfriendly

## RELATED WORDS

- opposite: **friendly**
- ▶ to reject someone who is trying to be friendly *see reject (5)*
  - ▶ *see also* **unkind, rude, horrible**

## 1 not friendly

- ▶ unfriendly/not friendly
- ▶ cold
- ▶ inhospitable
- ▶ hostile
- ▶ antagonistic
- ▶ give sb the cold shoulder
- ▶ cliquey/cliquestish



**unfriendly/not friendly** /ʌn'frendli, nɒt 'frendli/ [adj] *It's very difficult to work with Lindsay – she's so unfriendly.* | *I'm sorry if I sounded unfriendly on the phone – I was just tired.* | *The service at the hotel was bad and the staff weren't very friendly.* | + **to/towards** *The other girls weren't openly unfriendly towards her, but they never invited her along with them.* — **unfriendliness** [n U] *The fact that he didn't invite you had more to do with insecurity than unfriendliness.*

**cold** /kəʊld/ [adj] behaving towards other people as if you do not like them or care about them: *His manner all evening was cold and unfriendly.* | *Next time she saw Harry he wasn't rude to her, just very cold.* | + **to** *She was oddly cold to him, and I wondered what had happened.* — **coldly** [adv] *He looked at me coldly, but said nothing.*

**inhospitable** /ˌɪnhə'spɪtəbəl, ɪnhɑː-/ [adj] unfriendly to people who are visiting your home or country by not doing anything to make them feel welcome: *Generally, the people I met in the city were rude and inhospitable.* | *So many tourists had visited the monastery that the monks had grown somewhat inhospitable.*

**hostile** /'hɒstaɪl, 'hɑːstaɪl/ [adj] very unfriendly, and ready to argue with someone, criticize them, or fight with them: *There was a crowd of hostile demonstrators waiting outside her door.* | + **to/towards** *He was hostile towards me when I arrived, and the situation did not improve over the next few days.* | **openly hostile** *Several of the neighbors had become openly hostile to one another.* — **hostility** /hə'stɪlɪti/ [n U] *I thought I detected a little hostility in his voice.* | **open hostility** (=not hiding hostile feelings) *Her cool politeness had given way to open hostility.*

**antagonistic** /æn,tægə'nɪstɪk/ [adj] unfriendly and trying to cause arguments with someone: *I can't understand why he's being so antagonistic.* | + **towards/to** *Why are Kate and John so antagonistic towards each other?* — **antagonism** /æn'tægənɪzəm/ [n U] + **between** *The antagonism between her two grown sons was almost too much for Celia to bear.* | + **towards/to** *The judge's antagonism towards the defendant was clear to everyone.*

**give sb the cold shoulder** /,gɪv (sb) ðə 'kəʊld 'ʃəʊldər/ [v phrase] informal to ignore someone and be unfriendly to them, especially because they have upset or offended you: *After I got the promotion, a few of my co-workers started giving me the cold shoulder.*

**cliquey/cliquish** /'kliːki, 'kliːkɪʃ/ [adj] a group of people who are **cliquey** or **cliquish** are friendly to the other people within that group but not to the people outside it: *Everyone at the school was so cliquey, it was hard for me to make new friends.* | *It was a cliquish group, with the older members staying aloof from the younger ones.*

## 2 when someone prefers not to be with other people

- ▶ distant
- ▶ aloof
- ▶ stand-offish/standoffish
- ▶ antisocial
- ▶ unapproachable

**distant** /'dɪstənt/ [adj] unfriendly and showing no emotion, as if other people's lives are of no interest to you: *The neighbors seem very distant, although I try to be friendly.* | *As she was growing up, her father was always distant and took little interest in her achievements.*

**aloof** /ə'luːf/ [adj] unfriendly and not wanting to talk to other people or spend time with them, especially because you think you are better than them: *Barbara remained aloof behind the barrier of her menu.* | *The organization is controlled by aloof intellectuals who do not take an interest in the ordinary members.* — **aloofness** [n U] *Sam had a certain aloofness that made people afraid to approach him.*

**stand-offish/standoffish** /ˌstænd 'ɒfɪʃ-ˈɔːf/ [adj not usually before noun] behaving in an unfriendly and rather formal way, as if you do not want to get too involved with other people: *She can be quite stand-offish sometimes.* | *He was well-liked by the senior members of the firm, even though his colleagues found him standoffish and arrogant.*

**antisocial** /ˌæntɪ'səʊʃəl/ [adj] someone who is **antisocial** does not enjoy being with other people and tries to avoid meeting them or talking to them: *Not everyone who likes playing computer games is an antisocial loner.* | *Because she was so shy, people often thought she was antisocial.*

**unapproachable** /ˌʌnə'prəʊtʃəbəl/ [adj] someone who is **unapproachable** seems unfriendly so that you are nervous about talking to them: *He kept his arms crossed in front of him and seemed somewhat unapproachable.* | *A lot of the guys thought she was attractive, but she seemed so unapproachable that no one dared to talk to her.*

## 3 when relationships are unfriendly

- ▶ unfriendly/not friendly
- ▶ cool
- ▶ strained
- ▶ frosty
- ▶ turn sour

**unfriendly/not friendly** /ʌn'frendli, nɒt 'frendli/ [adj] *She used to get on well with her neighbours but now things aren't very friendly.* | *Unfriendly relations between the two countries nearly led to war.* | **on unfriendly terms/not on friendly terms** (=with an unfriendly relationship) *They've been on unfriendly terms ever since their argument.*

**cool** /kuːl/ [adj] less friendly than usual, so that people do not smile at each other, talk to each other in a friendly way etc: *The cool relationship between the two men affected the entire team.* | *When Bill finally arrived, nearly an hour late, he got a rather cool reception.*

**strained** /streɪnd/ [adj] a situation or relationship that is **strained** is not friendly or relaxed, because people feel worried or do not trust each other: *The meeting took place in a strained atmosphere.* | *Our relationship became very strained because I had refused to lend him money.*

**frosty** /'frɒsti, 'frɔːsti/ [adj] very unfriendly, especially following an argument or because someone feels offended: *After their quarrel, things between Maria and her father were rather frosty.*

**turn sour** /tɜːn 'saʊər/ [v phrase] if a relationship **turns sour**, the people involved in it start to dislike each other and to behave in an unfriendly way towards each other: *After five years their marriage turned sour and ended in divorce.* | *When the company began to lose money, things turned sour between the directors.*



## 4 when a particular place or situation seems unfriendly

- ▶ unfriendly/not friendly
- ▶ inhospitable
- ▶ unwelcoming
- ▶ impersonal
- ▶ forbidding

**unfriendly/not friendly** /ʌn'frendli, nɒt 'frendli/ [adj] *I don't like going to that bar – it's not very friendly.* | + to/towards *The city has a reputation for being unfriendly to minorities.*

**unwelcoming** /ʌn'welkəmɪŋ/ [adj] making you feel that you are not wanted: *The entrance to the factory is cold, bare, and unwelcoming.* | + to/towards *The new fence is just one example of the city's attempt to make public spaces unwelcoming to the homeless.*

**inhospitable** /,ɪnhə'spɪtəbəl, ɪnhɑː-/ [adj] unfriendly and difficult to feel relaxed in: *The tribe has lived for generations in the inhospitable mountain regions of the country.* | + to/towards *The brokerage firm has always been extremely inhospitable to women.*

**impersonal** /ɪm'pɜːrənəl/ [adj] a place or situation that is **impersonal** lacks the normal friendly relations between people who work or do business together, as if such feelings were considered unimportant: *They just handed over the keys and walked out – it was all so impersonal.* | *I had no desire to work for a large, impersonal organization.*

**forbidding** /fə'brɪdɪŋ/ [adj] a **forbidding** place seems unfriendly, uncomfortable, and a little frightening, so that you do not want to go there: *The school was a large, rather forbidding building.* | *The wood-panelled den looked dark and forbidding.*

# unimportant

## RELATED WORDS

opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **important**  
▶ see also **small**

## 1 not important

- ▶ not important/unimportant
- ▶ petty
- ▶ minor
- ▶ trivial
- ▶ insignificant/not significant
- ▶ small
- ▶ be of no importance

**not important/unimportant** /nɒt ɪm'pɔːrtənt, ʌnɪm'pɔːrtənt/ [adj] formal not likely to cause problems or to have an important effect on something: *'I forgot to add the olive oil.'* *'Don't worry – it's not important.'* | *I don't want to waste time arguing over unimportant details.* | *It is not important that you understand everything at this stage.* | *Critics have dismissed his work as unimportant.*

**minor** /'maɪnər/ [adj] a **minor** problem, accident, disagreement etc is small and does not have a serious effect or result: *Two car windows were broken and minor damage was done to some shops.* | *She suffered some minor injuries in the accident.* | *We've had a few minor problems with the new computer system.*

**insignificant/not significant** /ɪnsɪg'nɪfɪkənt, nɒt sɪg'nɪfɪkənt/ [adj] not important enough to worry about, especially because there are other problems that are much more serious: *The level of radiation was considered 'insignificant' and not a danger to health.* | *There is a slight difference in the way men and women are affected by the drug, but this*

*is not really significant.* | *After a week of negotiations, the differences between the two sides are now relatively insignificant.* | *EU financiers say that recent problems on the US stock markets were not significant for Europe.*

**petty** /'peti/ [adj] something such as a problem, argument, or worry that is **petty** is so unimportant that it seems silly or selfish for someone to talk or worry about: *We started having arguments over petty little things.* | *The meeting spent too much time on petty issues, and didn't address the real problem.*

**trivial** /'trɪviəl/ [adj] unimportant and not serious, and not worth worrying about or spending time or effort on: *No, I don't think your question is trivial at all.* | *Why waste time watching trivial TV programs?* | *The issue of where the peace talks will be held may seem trivial, but to the participants it is very important.*

**small** /smɔːl/ [adj only before noun] not important and not likely to take long to deal with or correct: *Your essay's very good – there are just one or two small points I'd like to discuss.* | *There were a couple of small things I wanted to talk to you about.* | *We had a few small problems when we were putting the design together, but it works fine now.*

**be of no importance** /biː əv ,nəʊ ɪm'pɔːrtəns/ [v phrase] formal to not be important, and be unlikely to affect anything in a serious way: *If you're capable of doing the job, your age is of no importance.* | *These are small details and probably of no importance.*

## 2 what you say when something is not important

- ▶ it doesn't matter
- ▶ it's no big deal / it's not a big deal
- ▶ it makes no difference/it doesn't make any difference
- ▶ it's nothing

**it doesn't matter** /ɪt ,dʌzənt 'mætər/ spoken say this to tell someone that something is not important and will not cause any serious problems: *'We've missed the train.'* *'It doesn't matter – there's another one in 10 minutes.'* | + if/whether/what etc *It doesn't matter if you're a few minutes late. We'll wait for you.* | *It doesn't matter what other people think. You should do what you think is best.*

**it makes no difference/it doesn't make any difference** /ɪt ,meɪks nəʊ 'dɪfərəns, ɪt ,dʌzənt meɪk eni 'dɪfərəns/ say this when you think something is not important enough to affect what happens or change what someone decides: *'Do you want cash or a cheque?'* *'It doesn't make any difference.'* | *Even if she had known he was lying it would have made no difference.* | *It doesn't make any difference whether you use fresh berries or frozen ones.* | **it makes no difference/it doesn't make any difference to sb** *It makes no difference to me if you want to go.* | **it makes no difference/it doesn't make any difference to sth** *You can have a single room or a double – it makes no difference to the price.*

**it's no big deal / it's not a big deal** /ɪts ,nəʊ bɪg 'diːl, ɪts ,nɒt ə bɪg 'diːl/ spoken say this when you do not think something is important or worrying, even though other people may think it is: *My leg's a little sore, but it's no big deal.* | *Just copy your work onto a disk – it's no big deal.* | *She assumed he'd be furious, but the whole incident just wasn't a big deal to him.*

**it's nothing** /ɪts 'nʌθɪŋ/ spoken say this when you think something is not important and you do not



want other people to worry about it: 'Are you okay?' 'Yeah, it's nothing.' | 'Why do you want to speak to Danny? Is he in trouble again?' 'No, it's nothing, really. We just want to ask a couple of questions.'

### 3 less important than something else

- ▶ **secondary**
- ▶ **subsidiary**
- ▶ **incidental**
- ▶ **marginal**
- ▶ **peripheral**
- ▶ **be of secondary/minor/less etc importance**
- ▶ **side issue**
- ▶ **pale into insignificance**

**secondary** /'sekəndəri||-deri/ [adj] less important than the main subject, problem etc: *The government sees unemployment as a secondary issue.* | *The study found that women were often reduced to secondary roles in the workplace.* | + to *Tourism is secondary to oil revenues as a source of income.*

**subsidiary** /səb'sɪdiəri||-dieri/ [adj] formal a subsidiary idea, question, subject etc is less important than the main one but it is connected with it: *If you take the English literature course, you can do linguistics as a subsidiary subject.* | + to *The formulation of a lasting peace settlement was the main objective, and everything else was seen as subsidiary to it.*

**incidental** /,ɪnsɪ'dentl- / [adj] happening or existing in connection with or as a result of something else that is more important: *The Red Cross will provide money for food, housing, and incidental expenses.* | + to *The puzzles are fun, but are incidental to the plot of the book.* | **purely incidental** *The concert is just for fun, really. Any profit we make from it will be purely incidental.*

**marginal** /'mɑːrɪdʒənəl/ [adj] too small and unimportant to have any useful or noticeable effect: *The difference between the two cars is marginal.* | *a marginal increase in sales*

**peripheral** /pə'rɪfərəl/ [adj] relating to the main activity, question, or subject, but much less important than it: *It is a society in which women's rights and concerns are still treated as peripheral.* | *Too much money is being spent on peripheral programs when our kids can't read or do basic math.* | + to *The romance was peripheral to the movie's main plot.*

**be of secondary/minor/less etc importance** /biː əv 'sekəndəri ɪm'pɔːr'təns||-deri-/ [v phrase] to be not very important compared to other things: *It's the perfect job for him – the salary is of secondary importance.* | *Police are increasingly regarding cannabis use as being of minor importance compared with other forms of crime.* | *We must stop treating mental illness as being of less importance than physical disabilities.*

**side issue** /'saɪd ɪʃuː/ [n C] a subject or question that results from or is connected with the main one being considered, but is much less important: *The meeting seemed to focus on side issues, without ever really addressing the main point.* | *One of the side issues that arose was what to do with the old equipment when the new things arrived.*

**pale into insignificance** /peɪl ɪntu ɪnsɪg'nɪfɪkəns/ [v phrase] if someone's problems or achievements pale into insignificance when they are compared to something else, they are clearly much less important: *Our difficulties pale into insignificance when compared to the problems of the homeless.*

### 4 someone who is not important

- ▶ **not important**
- ▶ **insignificant**
- ▶ **the little guy**
- ▶ **lightweight**
- ▶ **a nobody**
- ▶ **nonentity**
- ▶ **small fry**

**not important** /nɒt ɪm'pɔːr'tənt/ [adj] *He's not really an important figure in the organization.* | *Don't worry about the critics. They're not important – they just think they are.*

**insignificant** /,ɪnsɪg'nɪfɪkənt/ [adj] not important enough or powerful enough to worry about or treat seriously: *The anti-war group was an insignificant minority within the party.* | *The spies' payroll included insignificant clerks and highly placed officials.*

**the little guy** /ðə 'lɪtl gaɪ/ [n singular] especially American, informal a person or organization that is not important because they do not have any power or influence: *He got rich trading illegally on the stock market, using the little guy's money.* | *When the big retailers open a store, the little guys lose business.*

**lightweight** /'laɪt-weɪt/ [n C] someone who is well-known, for example in politics or literature, but is not really respected or considered to be important: *His books are tremendously popular, but most of the critics regard him as a lightweight.* | **political/intellectual/literary etc lightweight** *It would be dangerous to dismiss her as a political lightweight.*

**a nobody** /ə 'nəʊbədi||-bəːdi/ [n C usually singular] informal someone who is considered to be unimportant because they are not famous, powerful, or rich: *He went from being a nobody to being paid \$2 million a year.* | *I felt like a complete nobody when I lost my job.*

**nonentity** /nɒ'nentɪti||nɑː-/ [n C] someone who is not at all important, powerful, or interesting, and has no special qualities or skills: *Next to him, the other dancers seemed like nonentities.* | *He packed his government with nonentities, who would never challenge his leadership.*

**small fry** /'smɔːl fraɪ/ [n plural] informal a person or group who has very little power or importance compared to other people or organizations: *Environmental groups are small fry against the power of the big multinationals.* | *Only the small fry on the drugs scene got caught by the police.*

### 5 something that is not important

- ▶ **trivia**

**trivia** /'trɪviə/ [n U] information or facts that are not important and have no real use or value: *The magazine was full of trivia and gossip.* | *I find that I can remember trivia such as old sports results, but I can't remember the things that I really need to remember.*

### 6 to make something seem less important than it really is

- ▶ **trivialize**
- ▶ **play down/downplay**
- ▶ **belittle**
- ▶ **understate**
- ▶ **underestimate**

**trivialize** ALSO **trivialise** British /'trɪvɪəlaɪz/ [v T] to write or talk about something in a way that makes it seem less serious or important than it really is: *The newspaper's headlines trivialized the war, making it*



*seem like a game. | Judges feared that showing the trial on television would trivialize the legal process.*

**play down/downplay** /ˌpleɪ ˈdaʊn, daʊnˈpleɪ/ [phr v T/v T] to pretend that a problem, illness etc is less important or serious than it really is: *He accused drug companies of downplaying the risks of the new drug. | She downplayed any suggestion that there had been a leak in the chemical factory. | play down sth* The government is trying to play down the seriousness of the unemployment figures. | **play sth down** The plan will cause a lot of changes, but officials are trying to play it down.

**belittle** /bɪˈlɪtl/ [v T] to say or do something that makes someone's efforts or achievements seem unimportant or useless: *Good teachers never belittle their students. | Does your boss constantly belittle your contribution to the department?*

**understate** /ˌʌndəˈsteɪt/ [v T] to describe the size, value, or importance of something in a way that makes it seem less than it really is: *I think you are understating the importance to young people of a stable home life. | In the report, the incidence of violent crime is consistently understated.*

**underestimate** /ˌʌndəˈestɪmeɪt/ [v T] to wrongly think that something is less important than it really is: *People often underestimate the importance of human relationships in successful companies. | Never underestimate the value of really good training.*

# unite

## RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **with/together, join**

## 1 to join together with other people, organizations, or countries

- |                |                 |
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| ▶ unite        | ▶ join forces   |
| ▶ team up      | ▶ come together |
| ▶ get together | ▶ amalgamate    |
| ▶ combine      | ▶ merge         |

**unite** /juːˈnaɪt/ [v I] especially written if people, organizations, or countries **unite**, they start working together or join together as a single unit, for example because they have the same aims as each other **+ to do sth** *In 1960, British and Italian Somaliland united to form Somalia. | Various political and religious groups united to oppose the dictatorship. | + against* Police chiefs called on the local people to unite against the drug dealers. | **+ behind** a speech in which he asked America to unite behind the new President

**team up** /ˌtiːm ˈʌp/ [phr v I] if two or more people **team up**, they agree to work together, especially in business, music, or theatre **+ with** *I teamed up with a local journalist, and we worked on the story together. | + to do sth* It all started when Paul McCartney and John Lennon teamed up to form a band.

**get together** /get təˈgeðər/ [phr v I] if people or organizations **get together**, they join together in order to do something, especially in an informal way: *Designers from both countries got together and held a joint exhibition. | + to do sth* The whole family needs to get together to decide what to do about the trip.

**combine** /kəmˈbaɪn/ [v I] to join together and work very closely together so that you succeed in achiev-

ing the result you want **+ to do sth** *The opposition parties combined to drive the Prime Minister out of office. | + with* Members of the radical Right combined with communists in holding an illegal meeting.

**join forces** /ˌdʒɔɪn ˈfɔːrsɪz/ [v phrase] if people or organizations **join forces**, they join together in order to work together or to fight against an enemy **+ to do sth** *The two manufacturers, who were once bitter rivals, have now joined forces to develop a new sports car. | + with* The socialists hope to join forces with the communists to fight the next election.

**come together** /ˌkʌm təˈgeðər/ [phr v I] if people or organizations **come together**, especially ones who usually disagree or compete with each other, they join together in order to do something: *Women from the different organizations have been able to come together and agree on certain basic principles about what they, as women, are fighting for. | + to do sth* The Conference called on everyone to come together to resist the government's planned educational reforms.

**amalgamate** /əˈmælgəmeɪt/ [v I] if two or more organizations **amalgamate**, for example colleges, unions, or hospitals, they join together to form a single organization: *The two schools amalgamated in 1974. | + with* The women's association has amalgamated with the men's. | **+ into** A and B squadrons amalgamated into a single squadron. — **amalgamation** /əˈmælgəˈmeɪʃən/ [n U] the amalgamation of several small farms into one large agricultural unit

**merge** /mɜːˈdʒ/ [v I] if two companies or organizations **merge**, they join together to form a single company or organization: *The two banks have announced plans to merge next year. | + with* In 1969, Cadbury merged with Schweppes, changing the whole character of the company.

## 2 when people unite

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| ▶ pull together  | ▶ close ranks |
| ▶ stand together | ▶ be united   |
| ▶ stick together |               |

**pull together** /ˌpʊl təˈgeðər/ [phr v I] if the people in a group **pull together**, they all work together to deal with a difficult situation: *In Japan in the 50s and 60s, the government, bankers and workers all pulled together and brought about what we now call 'the economic miracle'. | + to do sth* Parents, teachers, and students should all pull together to tackle the school's drugs problem.

**stand together** /ˌstænd təˈgeðər/ [phr v I] if a group of people **stand together**, they unite and deal with a difficult or dangerous situation as a group: *We must all stand together on this one. I don't want anybody quitting or saying they don't want to get involved. | Somehow they stood together and kept the business going in spite of all that was going on.*

**stick together** /ˌstɪk təˈgeðər/ [phr v I] informal if two or more people **stick together**, they continue to support each other even when there are problems or difficulties: *It is important for families to stick together. | We should be able to get out of this mess, provided we stick together.*

**close ranks** /ˌkləʊz ˈræŋks/ [v phrase] if people who belong to a group or organization **close ranks**, they join together to protect each other, especially when the group or its members are being criticized or attacked: *When she applied for promotion, the male managers all closed ranks and made sure she didn't get it. | President Nixon's staff were instructed to close ranks in response to the Watergate arrests.*



**be united** /bi: ju: 'naɪtɪd/ [v phrase] if a group of people are united, they support each other or are working together in a difficult situation: *Organisers want the conference to show that the party is united as never before.* | + **in** *The Council is united in its resolve to maintain and develop standards of professional management.*

### 3 when people are united

- ▶ **unity**
- ▶ **solidarity**
- ▶ **spirit**

**unity** /'ju: nɪti/ [n U] *In his speech the Prime Minister stressed the need for party unity.* | *The lack of unity within the women's movement has resulted in a severe lack of power.*

**solidarity** /,sɒlə 'dærɪti, sɑ:-/ [n U] loyalty and support for a person or group whose political views you strongly agree with, especially someone who is fighting against or being badly treated by people who are in authority + **with** *Workers all over the country went on strike to show their solidarity with the miners.* | + **between** *There was a feeling of solidarity between all the staff and a common suspicion as to why management had called the meeting.*

**spirit** /'spɪrɪt/ [n U] **team/community/public spirit** a strong feeling of belonging to a particular group and of wanting to help them: *The crew enjoy working together and have developed an excellent team spirit.* | *I am sure that, given the great community spirit here, the fund-raisers will not give up.*

### 4 to make people, organizations, or countries unite

- ▶ **unite**
- ▶ **bring together**
- ▶ **rally**
- ▶ **amalgamate**
- ▶ **merge**

**unite** /ju: 'naɪt/ [v T] *President Clinton's rousing speech united the Democrats.* | *What united the two groups was their hatred of fascism in all its forms.* | *She and Picasso had always been friends, but now they shared a secret that united them even more.*

**bring together** /,brɪŋ tə 'geðər/ [phr v T] if an event or a situation **brings** people **together**, it makes them have a closer, more friendly relationship with each other **bring sb together** *What was it that first brought you two together? Your love of music?* | *In South Africa, cricket has been the one sport that has brought people together.*

**rally** /'ræli/ [v T] to persuade or encourage people to unite in order to fight for or against something **rally support/opposition** *The main effect of the new tax was to rally opposition to the government.* | *Recent news reports on the situation in the capital have helped rally support for the war.* | **rally sb** *Churchill's stirring speeches helped rally his countrymen to fight against the enemy.*

**amalgamate** /ə'mælgəmənt/ [v T] to make two or more organizations join together, for example colleges, unions, or hospitals, in order to make a single one: *Worries have been expressed about the current trend of amalgamating sales teams.* | **amalgamate sth into sth** *The 55 army battalions would be amalgamated into 23 units.*

**merge** /mɜ: 'dʒ/ [v T] to make two companies or organizations join together to form a single one: *There are plans to merge the two most successful TV channels.* | **merge sth with sth** *He wanted to merge his company with a South African mining firm.*

## unkind

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **kind**  
▶ see also **cruel, bad, rude**

### 1 treating someone unkindly

- ▶ **unkind**
- ▶ **mean**
- ▶ **nasty**
- ▶ **cruel**
- ▶ **spiteful**
- ▶ **be hard on**
- ▶ **give sb a hard time**
- ▶ **take sth out on**

**unkind** /,ʌn 'kaɪnd-/ [adj] someone who is **unkind** treats people in a way that makes them unhappy or upset: *Children can be very unkind.* | + **to** *I felt very sorry for being unkind to her.* | **it is unkind (of sb) to do sth** *It would be unkind to keep him in suspense for too long.* — **unkindly** [adv] *He loves you, Fiona, even though you treat him so unkindly.* | *She laughed unkindly at his misfortune.* — **unkindness** [n U] *I couldn't forgive their unkindness towards me.*

**mean** /mi:n/ [adj] someone who is **mean** deliberately speaks to someone unkindly or does things to annoy them or make them angry: *She hated him for being so mean.* *Why was he stopping her from seeing her friends?* | *I never thought he was capable of doing such a mean thing to his brother.* | + **to** *He was mean to those who worked for him and generous to those who he hardly knew.* | **it is mean (of sb) to do sth** *It was mean of you to disturb her when she was having a rest.*

**nasty** /'nɑ:sti||'næsti/ [adj] someone who is **nasty** is deliberately unkind, and seems to enjoy making people unhappy: *When I was a child I did some nasty things to my little brother.* | *I don't mean to be nasty, but I don't think we should work together any more.* | + **to** *Paul, you mustn't be nasty to the children. You'll make them cry.* — **nastiness** [n U] *She tried to make me look silly. She did it out of sheer nastiness.*

**cruel** /'kru:əl/ [adj] someone who is **cruel** is very unkind, and does not seem to care about other people's feelings: *He didn't seem the sort of man to be cruel on purpose.* | + **to** *She married a man who was very cruel to her.* | **it is cruel (of sb) to do sth** *It was cruel of you to frighten the poor boy like that.* — **cruelly** [adv] *The other girls teased her cruelly because she was different.* — **cruelty** [n U] *As a result of the scandal, his family was exposed to the cruelty of the press.*

**spiteful** /'spɜ:tfəl/ [adj] deliberately unkind to someone because you are jealous of them or angry with them: *Failure had made him bitter and spiteful.* | *That was a wicked and spiteful thing to do.* — **spitefully** [adv] *'I never liked her anyway,' Rob said spitefully.*

**be hard on** /bi: 'hɑ:rd ɒn/ [v phrase] to be unkind to someone by criticizing them or treating them more severely than is fair: *He's only just started work here – you mustn't be too hard on him.* | *I thought you were a little hard on Denise, not letting her go to the party.*

**give sb a hard time** /,gɪv (sb) ə 'hɑ:rd 'taɪm/ [v phrase] informal to be unkind to someone by criticizing them in a way that is not fair: *She left the company because her boss was giving her a really hard time.* | *Stop giving me such a hard time. I'm doing my best.*

**take sth out on** /,teɪk (sth) 'aʊt ɒn/ [phr v T] to be unkind to someone because you are angry or upset about something else, even though it is not their fault: *I know you've had a bad day at the office, but don't take it out on me.* | *I'm sorry I was rotten to you, but there was no one else to take it out on.*



## 2 unkind comments or remarks

- ▶ unkind
- ▶ behind sb's back
- ▶ caustic
- ▶ cutting
- ▶ bitchy
- ▶ snide
- ▶ vicious

**unkind** /ˌʌnˈkaɪnd/ [adj] something you say to someone that is **unkind**, makes them feel unhappy or upset: *He said some very unkind things about my clothes.* | *She was used to the unkind remarks made by other students.* | + **about** *Why are you always so unkind about Christina?* | **never say an unkind word about sb** *I never heard her say an unkind word about anyone.*

**behind sb's back** /bɪˈhaɪnd (sb's) 'bæk/ [adv] if you talk about someone **behind their back**, you say rude or unkind things about them when they are not present: *I'm sure the other girls are talking about me behind my back.* | *His name is Mr McLeod, but his students call him 'Big Nose' behind his back.*

**caustic** /ˈkɔːstɪk/ [adj usually before noun] criticizing someone or something in an unkind but clever way: *Hayward made some pretty caustic comments about your poetry.* | **caustic wit/humour** *Some of his students were alienated by his caustic wit.*

**cutting** /ˈkʌtɪŋ/ [adj] a remark that is **cutting** is very unkind and is intended to hurt someone's feelings, especially by making them feel stupid or unimportant: *Emily always managed to say something cutting whenever we met at a party.* | *At the meeting Mark made some cutting remarks about Sally, who wasn't there to defend herself.*

**bitchy** /ˈbɪtʃi/ [adj] someone who is **bitchy** or who makes **bitchy** remarks says unkind things about another person, especially about the way they look or behave – used especially by women when talking about other women: *She was always making bitchy comments about people's clothes and make-up.* | + **about/towards** *The other girls in my class were often bitchy towards me because I studied so hard.*

**snide** /snaɪd/ [adj usually before noun] a **snide** remark criticizes someone in an unkind way, but is not very direct: *As she uttered these words she realized they sounded snide and insinuating.* | **snide comments/remarks** *The teacher kept making snide comments about my pronunciation, which really embarrassed me.*

**vicious** /ˈviʃəs/ [adj] cruel and deliberately intended to hurt someone's feelings or to make their character seem very bad: *The Senator launched a vicious attack on the former President.* | *Someone is conducting a vicious campaign of false rumours against the Royal Family.* — **viciously** [adv] *Margaret viciously blamed her husband for all that had happened.*

## 3 unkind, but not deliberately unkind

- ▶ thoughtless/inconsiderate
- ▶ insensitive
- ▶ tactless

**thoughtless/inconsiderate** /ˈθɔːtləs, ˌɪnkənˈsɪdərət/ [adj] someone who is **thoughtless** or **inconsiderate** only thinks about their own situation, their own enjoyment etc, and does not think about the effects that their actions will have on other people: *A few thoughtless people have spoiled the holiday for everyone else.* | *I have an inconsiderate neighbour who plays loud music late at night.* | **it is thoughtless/inconsiderate of sb to do sth** *It was thoughtless of him to mention her divorce when she's so upset.* | *I'm sorry, it was inconsiderate of me to phone so early.*

**insensitive** /ɪnˈsensɪtɪv/ [adj] someone who is **insensitive** does not notice when other people are upset or when something that they do might upset other people: *How could you be so insensitive?* | **insensitive to sb's feelings/needs etc** *Doctors sometimes seem insensitive to their patients' feelings.* — **insensitivity** /ɪnˌsensɪˈtɪvɪti/ [n U] *the insensitivity of some police officers in the way they treat rape victims*

**tactless** /ˈtæktləs/ [adj] someone who is **tactless** says or does things that offend other people or hurt their feelings, without intending to and without realizing that they have done it: *He made all sorts of tactless remarks about her appearance.* | **it is tactless (of sb) to do sth** *It was a bit tactless of you to start talking about her ex-boyfriend.*

## 4 having no sympathy for other people's problems

- ▶ unsympathetic
- ▶ hard-hearted

**unsympathetic** /ˌʌnsɪmpəˈθetɪk/ [adj] someone who is **unsympathetic** does not show you any sympathy when you need help or when you tell them about your troubles: *I explained our problems to the bank manager, but he remained unsympathetic.* | *I'm sorry, I don't mean to be unsympathetic, but I don't see how I can help.* | *Our appeal for government help met with an unsympathetic response.*

**hard-hearted** /ˌhɑːrd 'hɑːrtɪd/ [adj] someone who is **hard-hearted** does not feel any sympathy and does not care at all when people are in trouble or pain and ask for help: *a hard-hearted and unprincipled man* | *I've tried to help in the past, but I think now I have to be hard-hearted and make them help themselves.*

# unlucky

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: — **lucky**  
▶ see also **unfortunately**

## 1 when someone is unlucky in a particular situation or at a particular time

- ▶ unlucky
- ▶ unfortunate
- ▶ have the misfortune to do sth/have the misfortune of doing sth
- ▶ have bad luck
- ▶ be out of luck
- ▶ a run of bad luck
- ▶ it's one of those days/it's not my day
- ▶ be in the wrong place at the wrong time

**unlucky** /ʌnˈlʌki/ [adj not before noun] 'Were you disappointed with the team's performance?' 'No, not really, I think we were just unlucky.' | **be unlucky (enough) to do sth** *The victims were simply unlucky enough to have been in the restaurant when the gunmen started shooting.* | + **with** *We were unlucky with the weather. It rained almost every day we were on the island.*

**unfortunate** /ʌnˈfɔːrtʃənət/ [adj] having bad luck that you do not deserve, especially when this has a serious effect on your life, health etc: *Some of the unfortunate victims were trapped inside the building for over 12 hours.* | **be unfortunate (enough) to do sth** *He was unfortunate enough to lose his job just after his wife had a baby.*

**have the misfortune to do sth/have the misfortune of doing sth** /hæv ðə mɪsˈfɔːrtʃən



tə 'du: (sth), hæv ðə mis,fɔ:'tʃən əv 'du:ɪŋ (sth)/ [v phrase not in progressive] formal to be unlucky on a particular occasion, especially when this results in something very unpleasant happening to you: *Bowman had the misfortune of being sent to the area where there was heavy fighting.* | *Women who have the misfortune to be involved with violent men often think it's their own fault.*

**have bad luck** /hæv ,bæd 'lʌk/ [v phrase] to be unlucky, especially in a way that affects one particular part of your life: *Why do we always have such bad luck when it comes to hiring suitable workers?* | + **with** *Our kids have had very bad luck with their teachers recently.* | **have the bad luck to do sth** *He had the bad luck to upset the boss's wife at the party.*

**be out of luck** /bi: ,aʊt əv 'lʌk/ [v phrase] to be prevented by bad luck from doing something that you want to do, for example going somewhere, buying something, or seeing someone: *I'm afraid you're out of luck. The director has already left for the day.* | *It looks like we're out of luck – all the hotels are full.*

**a run of bad luck** /ə ,rʌn əv ,bæd 'lʌk/ [n phrase] a period of time during which a lot of bad things happen to you one after the other: *Mimi's had a terrible run of bad luck this year, what with the car accident and her boyfriend leaving her.* | *Despite the Giant's current run of bad luck, fans are still showing up for the games.*

**it's one of those days/it's not my day** /ɪts ,wʌn əv ðəʊz 'deɪz, ɪts ,nɒt maɪ 'deɪ/ spoken say this when a lot of bad things have happened to you that day: *I just want to go home, take a bath, and go to bed – it's been one of those days.* | *First I missed the bus, then I spilled coffee on myself, and now my computer is frozen – it's just not my day.*

**be in the wrong place at the wrong time** /bi: ɪn ðə ,rʌŋ ,pleɪs ət ðə ,rʌŋ 'taɪm- ,rɔ:ŋ- / [v phrase] to have something bad happen to you by chance: *The driver was drunk and hit her as she was crossing the road. She was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.*

## 2 when someone is always unlucky

- ▶ **unlucky**
- ▶ **just my luck**
- ▶ **with my luck**
- ▶ **be jinxed/be a jinx**

**unlucky** /ʌn'lʌki/ [adj] an **unlucky** person often has bad things happen to them or things often go wrong by chance for them, not because of bad planning, stupidity, or carelessness: *I don't believe anyone is born lucky or unlucky – life is what you make it.* | *Val's one of the unluckiest people I know – on Monday her car was stolen and the day after she fell and broke her arm.* | + **with** *He seems to be very unlucky with cars – every time he buys one it always has something wrong with it.* | **unlucky in love** *I've never had a girlfriend more than a couple of months – I guess I'm just unlucky in love.*

**with my luck** /wɪð 'maɪ lʌk/ [adv] spoken say **with my luck** when you think something bad is going to happen to you, and you are not surprised because you think you are an unlucky person: *With my luck all the tickets will be sold by the time we get there.* | *I thought about buying a gun, but then I thought, with my luck, I'd probably end up shooting myself by accident.*

**just my luck** /dʒʌst maɪ 'lʌk/ [adv] spoken say **just my luck** when something bad has happened to you and you are not surprised because you think you are an unlucky person: *Married, is he? Just my luck.* | *Just my luck! The one vacation I take all year, and I have to get sick.*

**be jinxed/be a jinx** /bi: 'dʒɪŋkst, bi: ə 'dʒɪŋks/ [v phrase] to be very unlucky, so that everything you do or get involved in seems to go wrong, often in a way that affects other people too: *This is the fifth company she's worked for that's gone bankrupt – she's jinxed.* | *The way the team kept losing, I was beginning to think I was some kind of a jinx.*

## 3 an unlucky situation or event

- ▶ **unlucky**
- ▶ **unfortunate**
- ▶ **unfortunately**
- ▶ **as bad luck would have it**
- ▶ **be bad luck**
- ▶ **there is a jinx on sth/sth is jinxed**

**unlucky** /ʌn'lʌki/ [adj] an **unlucky** event happens simply because of bad luck, not because of bad planning, carelessness, stupidity etc: *The car in front braked suddenly and I went straight into it – it was just unlucky.* | **it is unlucky (for sb) that** *It was unlucky for Steve that the teacher walked in just at that moment.* — **unluckily** [adv] *Unluckily for us, Melissa had overheard everything we said.*

**unfortunate** /ʌn'fɔ:'tʃənɪt/ [adj] unlucky – use this especially about something that causes a lot of harm or problems. **Unfortunate** is more formal than **unlucky**: *Quarterback Brady Anderson was injured in an unfortunate collision with one of his team-mates.* | *The mix-up was the result of a set of unfortunate circumstances.* | **it is unfortunate (for sb) that** *It was very unfortunate that someone ended up getting hurt.*

**unfortunately** /ʌn'fɔ:'tʃənɪtli/ [adv] because of bad luck – use this when something annoying, unpleasant, or dangerous happens as a result of bad luck: *I would have been here an hour ago, but unfortunately I missed the train.* | **unfortunately for sb** *They finally cut down those old trees on our street, but unfortunately for us one of them fell on our car.*

**as bad luck would have it** /əz ,bæd lʌk wʊd 'hæv ɪt/ [v phrase] use **as bad or ill luck would have it** when you are describing something unlucky that happened to you as part of a series of events, and that caused you disappointment, inconvenience etc [adv] *We saw some really amazing things, but as ill luck would have it, I'd forgotten my camera.* | *As bad luck would have it, there was a thick fog the next day and our flight was delayed.*

**be bad luck** /bi: ,bæd 'lʌk/ [v phrase] to happen as a result of bad luck, especially when something bad happens to you that is not your fault: *His medical condition isn't his fault – it's just bad luck.* | **it is bad luck (for sb) that** *It's bad luck for her that they decided to shut down the company right after she started working there.*

**there is a jinx on sth/sth is jinxed** /ðeər ɪz ə 'dʒɪŋks ɒn (sth), (sth) ɪz 'dʒɪŋkst/ if you say that **there is a jinx on** a plan, occasion etc or that it is **jinxed**, a lot of things go wrong with it without any reason and you think it is because of bad luck: *Three people have quit, we've had computer problems, and now the heating has broken down. There must be a jinx on this office.* | *It's pouring with rain and the flowers haven't arrived – Lynne's convinced the whole wedding is jinxed.*

## 4 something that is believed to give you bad luck

- ▶ **unlucky**
- ▶ **be/bring bad luck**



**unlucky** /ʌnˈlʌki/ [adj] *I never kill spiders – it's unlucky.* | *Why do you want to get married on the 13th? Thirteen is such an unlucky number.* | **be unlucky to do sth** *Some people think it's unlucky to walk under ladders.*

**be/bring bad luck** /biː, ˈbrɪŋ bæd ˈlʌk/ [v phrase] something that is **bad luck** or **brings bad luck** is believed to make bad things happen: *It's supposed to be bad luck to open an umbrella in the house.* | *For centuries, crows have been thought to bring bad luck.*

## 5 bad luck

▶ **bad luck**

▶ **misfortune**

**bad luck** /bæd ˈlʌk/ [n U] the way that bad things happen to someone by chance, not because of bad planning, carelessness, stupidity etc: *She seems to have nothing but bad luck when it comes to men.* | *Talk about bad luck! Last night Ray's car was broken into for the second time this month.*

**misfortune** /mɪsˈfɔːrtʃən/ [n C/U] formal bad luck, especially when this results in someone having great difficulties in their life, for example being very poor, having a serious accident etc: *It was impossible not to feel sympathy for the family's misfortune.* | *Her misfortunes worsened this year, when her company eliminated her position and she lost her job.*

# unsuitable

## RELATED WORDS

opposite: **suitable**

▶ see also **wrong**

## 1 not suitable for a particular purpose, person, or situation

▶ **unsuitable/not suitable**

▶ **inappropriate/not appropriate**

▶ **unsuited to sth/not suited to sth**

▶ **wrong**

▶ **hardly the time/place/person**

▶ **unfit/not fit**

**unsuitable/not suitable** /ʌnˈsuːtəbəl, nɒt ˈsuːtəbəl/ [adj] *We never planted roses here because the climate isn't suitable.* | *The strict laws forbid women to read 'unsuitable material.'* | **+ for** *The road is not suitable for heavy vehicles.* | *The movie contains violence and is unsuitable for children.*

**inappropriate/not appropriate** /ɪnəˈprəʊpriət, nɒt əˈprəʊpriət/ [adj] formal not suitable for a situation or purpose – use this especially about something that has been done or chosen without enough care or thought: *This is not an appropriate use of taxpayers' money.* | *I thought his remarks were inappropriate on such a serious occasion.* | **+ for** *The court found that the sex-education brochures were inappropriate for eighth-grade students.* | **it is inappropriate/not appropriate (for sb) to do sth** *It's completely inappropriate for the President to get so involved in a local issue like this.*

**unsuited to sth/not suited to sth** /ʌnˈsuːtɪd tə (sth), nɒt ˈsuːtɪd tə (sth)/ [adj phrase] not having the qualities or characteristics that are needed for a particular purpose or situation: *The tomatoes didn't grow because they're unsuited to the soil here.* | *Her outfit was completely unsuited to the tropical climate.*

**wrong** /rɒŋ ˈrɔːŋ/ [adj] not the right one for a partic-

ular job or purpose: *You're using the wrong spoon – this is the soup spoon.* | *I think you picked the wrong time to call her.* | **+ for** *His brand of nationalism is wrong for our party and wrong for the country.*

**hardly the time/place/person** [adv] /ˈhɑːrdli ðə ˈtaɪm, ˈpleɪs, ˈpɜːrsən/ use this when it is completely the wrong time or place in which to do something, or the person doing it is a completely unsuitable person: *This is hardly the place to talk about your sexual problems.* | *I know it's hardly the moment to tell you, but I've quit my job.* | *This little man was hardly the kind of person you'd expect to be in charge of an international gun-smuggling scheme.*

**unfit/not fit** /ʌnˈfɪt, nɒt ˈfɪt/ [adj not usually before noun] not good enough for a particular purpose, especially when someone has officially decided this **+ for** *The land is so polluted it is not fit for crops.* | **unfit for human consumption/habitation** (=not fit for humans to eat or live in) *The meat was declared unfit for human consumption.* | **+ to do sth** *Her uncle was mentally unstable and unfit to raise a child.*

## 2 when someone is not suitable for a particular job or situation

▶ **unsuitable/not suitable**

▶ **not be cut out for**

▶ **wrong**

▶ **ill-suited to sth/not suited to sth**

▶ **be/seem/feel/look out of place**

▶ **misfit**

**unsuitable/not suitable** /ʌnˈsuːtəbəl, nɒt ˈsuːtəbəl/ [adj not usually before noun] *They told me that the reason I was considered unsuitable was that I was over-qualified.* | *We've already rejected several unsuitable candidates.* | **+ for** *The first person we interviewed was clearly not suitable for the job.*

**not be cut out for** /nɒt biː kʌt ˈaʊt fɔːr/ [v phrase] informal if you are **not cut out for** a type of work or way of life, you do not have the right qualities to enjoy it or to be successful in it: *Obviously, Paul was not cut out for army life.* | *She'd been married only a year and a half when her husband decided he was not cut out for marriage.*

**wrong** /rɒŋ ˈrɔːŋ/ [adj] completely unsuitable for a particular job: *This is a very important job, so we don't want to choose the wrong person.* | **+ for** *Dave's wrong for this job. He doesn't have enough patience.*

**ill-suited to sth/not suited to sth** /ɪl ˈsuːtɪd tə (sth), nɒt ˈsuːtɪd tə (sth)/ [adj phrase] formal unsuitable for a particular job or activity, because you do not have the right qualities for it: *With so little experience, Paula is not really suited to the role of personnel director.* | *The Lieutenant was by nature a man ill-suited to the discomforts of army life.*

**be/seem/feel/look out of place** /biː, siːm, fiːl, lʊk ˈaʊt əv ˈpleɪs/ [v phrase] to be, feel, or look very different from the other people you are with, and therefore seem to not belong with them: *In her old jeans and college sweater, Sarah looked a little out of place in the foyer of the Grand Hotel.* | *Leary later went to Beverly Hills High School, but he felt out of place among the rich kids.*

**misfit** /ˈmɪs,fɪt/ [n C] someone who does not seem to belong in a group or in society because they have different attitudes, a different appearance, different habits etc: *I didn't have a very happy time at school – I suppose I was something of a misfit.* | **social/societal misfit** *He's always blamed his parents for turning him into a social misfit.*



### 3 when something is not suitable for a place or situation

- ▶ **be/seem/look out of place**
- ▶ **be out of keeping/not be in keeping**
- ▶ **incongruous**

**be/seem/look out of place** /biː, siːm, lʊk ˈaʊt əv ˈpleɪs/ [v phrase] if something is **out of place**, it seems or looks very different from the other things around it, and therefore seems unsuitable for that particular place or situation: *Extremely informal language is out of place in an academic essay.* | *The Christmas decorations looked somehow out of place in Waikiki.*

**be out of keeping/not be in keeping** /biː, ˈaʊt əv ˈkiːpɪŋ, nɒt biː ɪn ˈkiːpɪŋ/ [v phrase] to not seem right or suitable when seen together with something else that is very different in style or character: *Serious poetry published in newspapers always seems slightly out of keeping.* | + **with** *Those new windows are not really in keeping with the style of the house.* | *The cheerful cover of the diary was out of keeping with the thoughts I was recording inside.*

**incongruous** /ɪnˈkɒŋɡruəs||ɪnˈkɑːŋ-/ [adj] something that is **incongruous** seems strange and unsuitable, often in a humorous way, because it is so unexpected in a particular situation, so different from its surroundings etc: *It seemed incongruous having a dance-band at the funeral.* | *He was dressed in a three-piece suit with an incongruous tie shaped like a fish.*

### 4 when two people are not suitable for each other

- ▶ **incompatible**
- ▶ **be wrong for/not be right for**
- ▶ **not be sb's type**
- ▶ **not be suited**
- ▶ **ill-matched**

▶ see also **like**

**incompatible** /ɪnˌkəmˈpætəbəl/ [adj] two people who are **incompatible** are unable to form a long relationship with each other because they have very different characters, attitudes, interests etc: *After a week together on vacation it was clear that they were totally incompatible.* | *My parents always seemed incompatible to me, but they stayed together for over 40 years.*

**be wrong for/not be right for** /biː ˈrɒŋ fɔːr ||ˈrɔːŋ-, nɒt biː ˈraɪt fɔːr/ [v phrase] to not be the right type of person to form a relationship with someone else, especially a long or serious relationship: *Everyone told him that she was wrong for him, but he wouldn't listen.* | *I'll introduce you if you want, but I don't think he's really right for you.*

**not be sb's type** /nɒt biː (sb's) ˈtaɪp/ [v phrase] informal to not be a suitable person to form a relationship or friendship with someone else because you have different attitudes, interests etc or because you are not attracted to someone with particular characteristics: *All he ever talks about is football – he's not really my type.* | *Denise was really nice, but physically she wasn't my type.*

**not be suited** /nɒt biː ˈsuːtɪd/ [v phrase] if two people are **not suited**, they are not suitable for each other because they have very different attitudes and characters: *I've never thought of going out with her – we're not really suited.* | + **to/for** *If two people aren't naturally suited to each other, there's no point in pursuing a relationship.*

**ill-matched** /ɪl ˈmætʃt/ [adj] formal two people who are having a relationship who are **ill-matched**, have very different characters, interests etc and their relationship is likely to be very difficult or unsuccessful: *They were both strong, vital people, but they made an ill-matched couple.* | *Whenever you see them, they're always arguing – they seem very ill-matched.*

## untidy

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: **tidy**  
▶ see also **dirty**

### 1 place/room

- ▶ **messy**
- ▶ **be a mess**
- ▶ **cluttered**
- ▶ **dump**
- ▶ **pigsty**
- ▶ **tip**

**messy** ALSO **untidy** British /ˈmesi, ʌnˈtɑɪdi/ [adj] if a place is **messy** or **untidy**, things have been left carelessly in different parts of it instead of being neatly arranged: *She felt uncomfortable in such a messy house.* | *He only cleans up his room when it gets really messy.* | *My desk isn't always this messy – I've been working on a major project.* | *Jan found the professor in a small, untidy office.* | *These drawers are so untidy – I can never find what I'm looking for.*

**be a mess** ALSO **be in a mess** British /biː ə ˈmes, biː ɪn ə ˈmes/ [v phrase] informal if a place is **a mess** or **is in a mess**, it is very untidy and dirty: *Please sit down. Sorry everything's such a mess.* | *My basement is a complete mess and has been for years.* | *The whole house is in a mess, but I didn't have time to clean it up.*

**cluttered** /ˈklʌtəd/ [adj] untidy because there are too many things in a small space: *He works in a cluttered studio that looks like a mechanic's garage.* | *The trailer was cluttered and cramped, with barely enough room to turn around.* | + **with** *The room was tiny, its walls cluttered with paintings and old photographs.*

**dump** /dʌmp/ [n singular] informal a place that is untidy and dirty: *The Ewells' place is a real dump.* | *Why don't you do something about your room – it's a dump.*

**pigsty** ALSO **pit** American /ˈpɪgstɑɪ, pɪt/ [n singular] informal an untidy and very dirty place: *This place is a pigsty! Clean it up.* | *I don't know how you can stand living in a pigsty like this.* | *My room's a total pit, but I'm too lazy to clean it.*

**tip** /tɪp/ [n singular] British informal a very untidy place: *Your room's an absolute tip!* | *It was a very nice house until they moved in and turned it into a tip.*

### 2 person/clothes/hair

- ▶ **untidy**
- ▶ **be a mess**
- ▶ **scruffy**
- ▶ **slovenly**
- ▶ **slob**
- ▶ **unkempt**
- ▶ **dishevelled**
- ▶ **bedraggled**
- ▶ **rumpled**

**untidy** British /**messy** American /ʌnˈtɑɪdi, ˈmesi/ [adj] someone who is **untidy** does not keep their clothes, hair etc neatly arranged: *The little children were dirty and untidy, but very happy.* | *Her hair was messy and her lipstick was smudged.* | *He was comically tall and thin with a long growth of untidy beard.*



**be a mess** ALSO **look a mess** British /bi:ə'mes, lʊk ə'mes/ [v phrase] informal to look very untidy: *I can't go out looking like this – I'm a mess.* | *When the police called, I had just got up, and my hair looked a mess.*

**scruffy** /'skrʌfi/ [adj] British someone who is **scruffy** is wearing old, untidy clothes: *My parents think I look scruffy in these jeans, but I like them.* | **scruffy clothes/jeans/sweater etc** *She's wearing that scruffy old sweater again.*

**slovenly** /'slʌvənli/ [adj] extremely untidy and careless, and often dirty: *Their landlady was fat and slovenly.* | *The aide was hired to keep the governor's slovenly brother out of the public eye.*

**slob** /slɒb|slɑ:b/ [n C] informal someone who is extremely untidy but does not seem to care that they are: *Jo's such a slob – how can you live like that?* | *If you keep dressing like a slob, no one's ever going to ask you for a date.*

**unkempt** /ʌn'kempt/ [adj] especially written someone whose clothes or hair are **unkempt**, has made no effort to try to look clean or tidy: *Hoskins beard was tangled and unkempt.* | *She used to dress so neatly, but now her hair and clothes had become unkempt and dirty.*

**dishevelled** British /disheveled American /drɪ'fevəld/ [adj] someone who is **dishevelled** has untidy hair and clothes, often because they have been in a hurry, or have been travelling or working hard: *He looked dusty, disheveled, and very tired.* | *The actress was found disheveled and confused in a Los Angeles back yard.* | *She was conscious of her rather dishevelled appearance.*

**bedraggled** /brɪ'drægəld/ [adj] someone who is **bedraggled** looks untidy, especially because they are wet or muddy: *A rather bedraggled crowd waited outside in the pouring rain.* | *The children walked along the path, looking miserable and bedraggled after the storm.*

**rumpled** /'rʌmpəld/ [adj] if clothes are **rumpled**, they have lots of creases in them and they look untidy. (Creases are lines where something has been folded.): *Forman was wearing a rumpled sweatsuit and a three-day beard.* | *Her dress was as rumpled as if she'd slept in it.*

### 3 to make a place messy

- ▶ **make a mess**
- ▶ **clutter/clutter up**
- ▶ **mess up**

**make a mess** /,meɪk ə'mes/ [v phrase] to make a place untidy or dirty: *Eric, you're making a mess – I hope you're planning to clean it up.* | *You can bake some cookies if you promise not to make a mess in the kitchen.*

**mess up** /,mes 'ʌp/ [phr v T] informal to make a place untidy or dirty **mess sth up** *Don't mess up the living room – we have company coming tonight.* | **mess up sth** *Who's messed up my nice clean kitchen?*

**clutter/clutter up** /'klʌtər, 'klʌtər 'ʌp/ [v T] if a lot of things **clutter** a room, desk etc, they make it untidy, especially because there is not enough space for them: *Toys cluttered the nursery floor.* | **clutter up sth/clutter sth up** *I don't want your old newspapers and magazines cluttering up the house.* | **be cluttered (up) with** *All the available space around her computer is cluttered with papers.* | *His house was cluttered up with the things he had collected.*

### 4 when things are spread around in a messy way

- ▶ **mess**
- ▶ **chaos**
- ▶ **clutter**
- ▶ **disaster/disaster area**

**mess** /mes/ [n singular] when things are spread around everywhere in a dirty, untidy way: *We spent the morning tidying up the mess after the party.* | *There were cups and ashtrays everywhere – what a mess!* | *We love having our grandchildren visit, but they always leave such a mess for us to clean up.*

**chaos** /'keɪ-ɒs|-ɑ:s/ [n U] when everything is very untidy, nothing is organized, and there is no order or system: *We've just moved into the new office and I've no idea where anything is – it's chaos!* | **in chaos** (=in a state of chaos) *I arrived home unexpectedly and found the house in chaos.*

**clutter** /'klʌtər/ [n U] when a lot of things have been left together in one place, especially unnecessary things that prevent you from moving around easily: *It seemed impossible for her to keep the house free of clutter.* | **+ of** *On the dresser a clutter of compacts, rouges, and lipsticks lie half open.*

**disaster/disaster area** /drɪ'zɑ:stər, drɪ'zɑ:stər ,eəriə|drɪ'zæs-/ [n C] informal a place that is very messy or dirty: *I'd invite you in, but my place is a disaster.* | *The kids room is always a disaster area.*

## until

continuing to a particular time or event and then stopping

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ until the present day *see now (3)*
- ▶ **until**
- ▶ **up until/up to**
- ▶ **from ... until/**
- ▶ **from ... to**
- ▶ **through**
- ▶ **Monday-Friday/**
- ▶ **6:00-8:00 etc**

**until** ALSO **till** /ən'tɪl, tɪl/ [prep/conjunction] especially spoken if something happens **until** or **till** a time or event, it continues and then stops at that time or event. **Till** is only used in informal speech and writing: *My father worked as a teacher until 1989.* | *I'll be at home until 5:30, if you want to phone me.* | *Vicky polished the car until it shone.* | *David continued living at home until he was 26.* | *The library's only open till five on Saturdays.* | *Just wait till I've finished my coffee. Then we can go.*

**up until/up to** /'ʌp əntɪl, 'ʌp tu:/ [prep] if something happens **up until** or **up to** a particular time, date etc, it happens continuously before that time but no longer happens after that time: *Up until the nineteenth century wood was commonly used for buildings.* | *She continued to write poetry, up to the day she died.* | *Things had been going very well up until then.* | **right up until/to a time** (=just before) *Right up until the last minute she had hoped that Peter would change his mind.*

**from ... until/from ... to** /frəm...ən'tɪl, frəm...tə/ [prep] use this to say that something starts happening at one time and continues until another time: *We worked from seven in the morning until late at night.* | *Max edited the paper from 1950 until he retired in 1989.* | **from May to September/from 9am to 5pm etc** *The hotel is only open during the main tourist season,*



from March to October. | *Eisenhower was President from 1952 to 1956.*

**through** /θru:/ [prep] **May through September/Monday through Friday etc** American starting in May and continuing until the end of September, starting on Monday and continuing until the end of Friday, etc: *The store is open Monday through Saturday.* | *Prices are generally lowest from January through March and highest June through August.*

**Monday-Friday/6:00-8:00 etc** /,mɑndi tə 'fraidi, 'sɪks tə 'eɪt / written starting on Monday and continuing until the end of Friday, starting at 6 o'clock and continuing until 8 o'clock – used on signs and notices: *Visit the exhibition of modern art, open every day, 9:30-6:00.* | *A special fishing licence is required for the season (May-September).*

## untrue

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: **true**

▶ when you think something is unlikely to be true see **doubt**

▶ see also **false, dishonest, believe, lie, trick/deceive, trust/not trust, rumour/rumor**

### 1 when what someone says is not true

- |                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| ▶ <b>not true</b>          | <b>in/to sth</b>       |
| ▶ <b>untrue</b>            | ▶ <b>misleading</b>    |
| ▶ <b>false</b>             | ▶ <b>not ring true</b> |
| ▶ <b>not be the case</b>   | ▶ <b>trumped-up</b>    |
| ▶ <b>there is no truth</b> |                        |

**not true** /nɒt 'tru:/ [adj phrase not before noun] **it's/that's not true** 'No one ever helps me.' 'That's not true.' | *You're believing what Mike's saying and it's just not true, he doesn't have a clue what's happening.* | **it is not true that** *It is not true that all women want to go out to work.*

**untrue** /ʌn'tru:/ [adj not before noun] not true. **Untrue** is more formal than **not true**: *The report has proven this information to be untrue.* | **it is untrue that** *It is untrue that the college broke the terms of the contract.* | **completely/totally/absolutely/simply untrue** *The interviewer made it sound like I thought it was okay to hit a woman, which is totally untrue.*

**false** /fɔ:ls/ [adj] not true or not correct: *He gave a false name and address to the police.* | *The article gives a totally false impression of life in Russia today.* | *Decide whether these statements are true or false.* | *Her claims of being able to recall past lives were later proved false.*

**not be the case** /nɒt bi: ðə 'keɪs/ [v phrase] if what someone says or believes is happening is **not the case**, it is not happening and what they say or believe is not true: *Recent reports suggest that violent crime is increasing, but this is simply not the case.* | *People think if kids are aware of a particular brand or ad campaign, they'll buy the product, but that's not the case.*

**there is no truth in/to sth** /ðeər ɪz nəʊ 'tru:θ m, tə (sth)/ if **there is no truth in** or **to** something that has been said or written, it is completely untrue: *There is no truth in the rumour that Collins and his wife are about to divorce.* | *Robinson says there is no truth to the reports that he is ready to resign.*

**misleading** /mɪs'li:dn/ [adj] **misleading** information or statements make people believe something that is not true, especially by not giving them all the facts: *The holiday brochure is deliberately misleading, because the hotels it shows are not the ones you actually stay in.* | *These statistics give a misleading impression of what is happening to the economy.*

**not ring true** /nɒt rɪŋ 'tru:/ [v phrase not in progressive] if an explanation, story etc does **not ring true**, it does not seem to be true even though you are not quite sure why you think it is untrue: *There was something odd about her story, something that didn't ring true.* | *One of the jurors said that Hill's explanation just didn't ring true.*

**trumped-up** /trʌmpɪt 'ʌp/ [adj usually before noun] **trumped-up charge/accusation/case etc** something someone says, a legal case etc that is false and has been invented, especially in order to harm someone else for political purposes: *He had been arrested by the secret police on trumped-up charges of spying.* | *Zola believed that the case against Dreyfus was trumped-up and utterly false.*

### 2 to think of a reason or explanation that is untrue

- ▶ **make up** ▶ **invent**

**make up** /,meɪk 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to think of a reason, explanation, excuse etc that is untrue **make up sth** *I gave her my name, then made up a telephone number with a Los Angeles area code.* | **make sth up** 'You're saying you think Bobby just made it up?' 'I think he believes it, but I'm not sure it's true.'

**invent** /ɪn'vent/ [v T] to think of a reason, explanation, or excuse that is sometimes very complicated but completely untrue: *I began to invent reasons for staying away from work.* | *It was proven that one witness's story had been invented.*

### 3 an untrue story or explanation

- ▶ **story/tale** ▶ **fabrication**  
▶ **fiction**

▶ see also **lie**

**story/tale** /'stɔ:ri, teɪl/ [n C] an untrue story or explanation that you use as an excuse or to impress someone **give sb some story** *She gave me some story about Mark being an old friend.* | **tall tale/story** *It's the sort of tall tale about how good they are with women that guys tell in bars.* | **cock-and-bull story** especially British *He gave me a cock-and-bull story about the glass being smashed in the storm, but it looked to me like the two of them had had a fight.*

**fiction** /'fɪkʃən/ [n U] an untrue story or piece of information that someone has deliberately invented: *It can sometimes be difficult to tell fact from fiction.* | **pure fiction** (=completely untrue and invented) *The president denied that he was ill, labelling the report 'pure fiction.'*

**fabrication** /,fæbrɪ'keɪʃən/ [n C] an untrue story or piece of information that someone has deliberately invented in order to deceive people: *Everything that was written about me in that article was a fabrication.* | **total/pure/complete fabrication** *The defense said that the victim's story was a total fabrication designed to get revenge.*







exceptional talents as a story-teller. | It's one of the best examples of old English furniture I've seen – it truly is exceptional.

**remarkable** /rɪ'mɑ:kəbəl/ [adj] someone or something that is **remarkable** is unusually good or skilled, so that you notice them and admire them: *The record features some remarkable guitar and piano solos. | Henry Tippett showed remarkable flair as a hotelier. | a remarkable statesman and diplomat* — **remarkably** [adv] *The service in the restaurant is remarkably quick and efficient.*

**rare** /reə/ [adj only before noun] very special and unusual: *He had that rare gift of being able to impart enthusiasm to others. | She bore her illness with rare courage. | Huston is a film-maker who has achieved a rare kind of beauty in his work.*

**quite a/some** /'kwɑɪt ə, sʌm/ [determiner] informal use this to describe someone or something that is unusually good, impressive, or enjoyable: *This is quite a house. | Jane told me I was almost intelligent, which from her is quite a compliment. | That was some party last night! | 'She's some lady,' he said, with admiration.*

**unique** /ju:'nɪk/ [adj] happening or existing extremely rarely – use this especially about the qualities someone or something has or about a chance to do something: *She has a unique ability to communicate with animals of all kinds. | This vacation offers a unique opportunity to visit some of the most remote mountain areas of the region.*

### 3 so unusual that nothing like it has ever happened before

- ▶ unprecedented
- ▶ unheard of

**unprecedented** /ʌn'presɪdɪntɪd/ [adj] an **unprecedented** event or situation, especially a good one, has never happened before: *There has been an unprecedented demand for tickets. | An unprecedented boom in tourism brought prosperity to the town. | In the 1920's the number of Scots who made the journey across the Atlantic was unprecedented.*

**unheard of** /ʌn'hɜ:ɪd ɒv/ [adj] informal a situation or event that is **unheard of** is surprising or shocking because it has never happened before and is difficult to imagine: *Travel for pleasure was almost unheard of in the nineteenth century. | an unheard-of luxury/achievement/outburst etc* *When my father was a child, a television was an unheard-of luxury. | The band had received six Grammy Awards – an unheard-of achievement in such a short time.*

### 4 when someone's behaviour is unusual

- ▶ unconventional
- ▶ it's not like sb

**unconventional** /ʌnkən'venʃənəl/ [adj] someone who is **unconventional** lives, behaves, or does things in ways that are very different from the way that most ordinary people live or behave: *She comes from an unconventional family. | They were both unconventional to the point of eccentricity. | unconventional political views*

**it's not like sb** /ɪts nɒt 'laɪk (sb)/ spoken say this when you mean that someone is behaving in a way that they do not usually behave, so you think they may be ill or have some kind of problem: *Don't you want any more to eat? That's not like you. | it's not like sb to do sth* *It's not like Sally to get so upset – I think she's been working too hard.*

## up

### RELATED WORDS

- opposite: ————— **down**
- ▶ when numbers, prices etc go up *see* **increase**
  - ▶ *see also* **position/rank, successful, climb, vertical, high**

### 1 moving up to a higher place

- ▶ up
- ▶ upwards
- ▶ uphill
- ▶ upstairs
- ▶ higher and higher

**up** /ʌp/ [prep/adv] *The car went slowly up the hill. | Lee gets out of breath just going up the stairs. | There's a great view from the top – you should go up and have a look. | + to/into/onto/over/at etc* *The fire sent clouds of smoke up into the sky. | Don't let the cat jump up onto the table. | We made our way up to the top of the mountain. | straight up* *Serena was so scared she jumped straight up in the air. | up and down* *Pain was running up and down both his legs.*

**upwards** ALSO **upward** American /'ʌpwərd(z)/ [adv] towards a higher position, especially towards the sky: *Alan grabbed hold of the ledge and began to climb upward. | A few snowflakes fell toward the ground, then blew upward with the next gust of wind. | The lighter material floats upwards, carrying heat to the surface of the liquid. — upward [adj only before noun] *She massaged my back with a light upward movement.**

**uphill** /ʌp'hɪl/ [adv] towards a higher position by means of a road or path that goes up a hill: *I don't like cycling uphill. | The children were running uphill towards the house. | Our guide led us uphill along a steep trail.*

**upstairs** /ʌp'steərz/ [adv] towards a higher floor in a building by means of stairs: *Lucy came rushing upstairs after her sister. | Don't go upstairs – Mom's still getting dressed. | Flora watched Mrs Brown staggering upstairs with a heavy tray.*

**higher and higher** /'haɪər ənd 'haɪər/ [adv] if something moves **higher and higher**, it continues to move towards a higher position in the sky: *The moon rose higher and higher. | The kite went higher and higher into the sky. | I watched as the birds flew higher and higher, grew smaller, and then disappeared.*

### 2 looking, facing, or pointing upwards

- ▶ upwards
- ▶ up
- ▶ face-up

**upwards** ALSO **upward** American /'ʌpwərd(z)/ [adv] *He held the palms of his hands upward as if he were asking forgiveness. | A copy of the book lay on the table, its cover facing upwards. | All eyes were turned upward toward the man standing on the ledge. — upward [adj] *Hector gave her an upward glance and then continued reading the paper.**

**up** /ʌp/ [adv] use this to say where someone or something is looking, facing, or pointing: *Caroline looked up and laughed. | + at/into/from etc* *The boy turned and stared up at her. | The receptionist hardly looked up from her book when I came in the office. | We stood there for a moment, gazing up into the snow-covered*



branches of the tree. | **straight up** He was pointing his rifle straight up in the air.

**face-up** /,feɪs 'ʌp/ [adv] if someone or something is lying **face-up**, they are lying with their face pointing upwards: Police found the body lying face-up in the hall. | He put all his cards face-up on the table.

### 3 to move upwards through the air

- ▶ go up
- ▶ rise
- ▶ ascend
- ▶ climb
- ▶ gain height
- ▶ shoot up
- ▶ soar

**go up** /,gəʊ 'ʌp/ [v phrase] Mervyn had never invited her to go up in his little plane. | If you want to make the kite go up, pull the string hard, then release it slowly.

**rise** /raɪz/ [v I] to move straight up into the air: Hot air rises. | + in/into A stream of water rose into the air, arched smoothly, and fell back into the pool. | + up Clouds of smoke rose up into the air.

**ascend** /ə'send/ [v I] formal to move up through the air: A huge flock of red-wing blackbirds ascended from their nests along the side of the road. | He leaned out of an upstairs window and felt a current of warm air ascending from the street.

**climb** /klaɪm/ [v I] if a bird or a plane **climbs**, it gradually goes higher up into the sky: As the plane began to climb, Karen started to feel ill. | The geese climbed high above us and set off on their long journey south.

**gain height** /,geɪn 'haɪt/ [v phrase] if an aircraft **gains height**, it gradually moves higher up into the sky: Investigators are uncertain why the plane failed to gain height after takeoff. | Gliders use thermal up-currents to gain height.

**shoot up** /,ʃu:t 'ʌp/ [phr v I] to suddenly go up into the air very quickly: Flames shot up into the air and clouds of smoke poured out of the windows. | I saw a spray of white water shoot up into the sky and knew that there were whales nearby.

**soar** /sɔːr/ [v I] to go quickly upwards to a great height in the air + upwards/up/above/into etc The ball soared high into the air. | The snow goose flew down low over the field and then soared back up gracefully.

### 4 when something moves upwards into the air

- ▶ leave the ground
- ▶ take off
- ▶ lift off
- ▶ blast off
- ▶ launch

**leave the ground** /,li:v ðə 'graʊnd/ [v phrase] Gunmen started firing at the helicopter as it left the ground. | The plane had barely left the ground when it began to experience engine trouble.

**take off** /,teɪk 'ɒf/ [phr v I] if a plane or a bird **takes off**, it leaves the ground and starts flying: Some ducks took off and flew along the river. | We had to wait on the runway for a half an hour before we finally took off. | + from The president's plane took off from Andrews Air Force Base at 9:45 am. — **takeoff/take-off** /'teɪkɒf/-ɔːf/ [n C/U] The takeoff and landing were a little rough, but the rest of the flight was very smooth.

**lift off** /,lɪft 'ɒf/ [phr v I] if a space ship **lifts off**, it leaves the ground and starts its journey into space: There was a burst of flame as the rocket lifted off into

the sky. | Thousands of people had gathered at Cape Canaveral to watch the rocket lift off. — **lift-off** /'lɪft ɒf/ [n C/U] This is Houston. We have lift-off (=the rocket is now lifting off).

**blast off** /,blɑːst 'ɒf/,blæst-/ [phr v I] if a space ship **blasts off**, it leaves the ground with an explosion of fire and starts its journey into space: The space shuttle is set to blast off on a nine-day mission tomorrow at 4:18 a.m. — **blast-off** /'blɑːst ɒf/ [n C/U] Minutes after blast-off the rocket exploded.

**launch** /lɔːntʃ/ [v T] to send a rocket up into the air or into space **launch a rocket/missile/satellite etc** China is planning to launch a space rocket later this month. | On the first day of the war over 400 missiles were launched. — **launch** [n C/U] During the launch, two rockets boost the shuttle before separating and falling back into the sea.

### 5 to move up a slope or upstairs

- ▶ go up
- ▶ climb/climb up
- ▶ ascend

**go up** /,gəʊ 'ʌp/ [v T not in passive] You have to go up two flights of stairs, and then it's the second door on your right. | Hundreds of people lined the street, cheering the runners as they went up the hill.

**climb/climb up** /klaɪm, 'klaɪm 'ʌp/ [v T] to go up a steep slope, especially with a lot of effort: The old man slowly climbed up the stairs to his room. | We had to climb a pretty big hill to get to the temple. — **climb** [n singular] The tour begins with a steep climb up one of the city's many hills.

**ascend** /ə'send/ [v T] formal to go up a slope, a ladder, or stairs: He was turning to ascend the ladder to the engine room when the ship's fire alarm sounded. | Bianca walked regally across the hall and ascended the marble staircase.

### 6 when a road or path goes upwards

- ▶ go up
- ▶ climb

**go up** /,gəʊ 'ʌp/ [v phrase] The road goes up from the beach into the forest. | I could see a tiny track going up ahead of us.

**climb** /klaɪm/ [v I] to go up steeply: The road climbs steadily, reaching 6,000 feet after 18 miles. | The path climbs high into the hills above the village of Glenridding.

### 7 when the level of water goes up

- ▶ rise

**rise** /raɪz/ [v I] if the level of water **rises**, it goes up, especially in a way that causes danger, problems etc: The level of the water in the lake was rising fast. | In 1956 the river rose to a height of more than 6 metres. | The waves rose higher and higher till the rocks behind them were hidden. | Floodwaters continue to rise as the rain continues to fall.

### 8 when the sun or moon comes up into the sky

- ▶ rise
- ▶ come up

**rise** /raɪz/ [v I] if the sun or the moon **rises**, it goes above the level of the horizon or it goes further up into the sky: A full moon rose over the valley. | What time does the sun rise tomorrow morning? | The



*moon rises nearly an hour later each night. | By mid-day the sun had risen high in the sky and was burning down on us.*

**come up** /ˌkʌm 'ʌp/ [phr v l] if the sun or the moon **comes up**, it moves above the level of the horizon: *The moon came up slowly over the pine trees. | The sun was coming up and you could just see the tops of the mountains.*

## 9 to move a part of your body upwards

- ▶ raise
- ▶ lift/lift up

- ▶ put up

**raise** /reɪz/ [v T] *She raised her head and looked at him. | If you want to ask a question, please raise your hand first. | 'Oh really?' Zack said, raising an eyebrow.*

**lift/lift up** /lɪft, ˌlɪft 'ʌp/ [v T] to raise part of your body such as your arm or your leg, especially carefully or with effort: *Her shoulder muscles had become so weak that she could not lift her arms. | lift up sth It took him a great deal of effort just to lift up his arm a few inches. | lift sth up OK, now lift your right leg up as far as it will go.*

**put up** /ˌpʊt 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to raise your hand or arm **put up sth** *I gasped and put up a hand to cover my mouth. | He swore at us and put up his fists as if he was going to punch one of us. | put sth up Rachel put both her hands up to shield her eyes from the sun.*

## 10 to move up in a list

- ▶ move up
- ▶ rise

- ▶ climb
- ▶ shoot up

**move up** /ˌmuːv 'ʌp/ [v I/T] *With this win Williams moves up to third place in the world rankings. | move up sth FC Roma are slowly moving up the league table.*

**rise** /raɪz/ [v I] to gradually move up in a list or group of people, teams, records etc: *Hobson's novel has risen steadily up the bestseller list since its release last August. | + to Borland rose to the top of the computer software industry by a mixture of innovation and good marketing.*

**climb** /klaɪm/ [v I/T] to move up in a list of teams, records etc, especially a long way up the list **+ to Jennifer Lopez's new single has climbed to number two in the US charts. | climb the table/charts etc** *Towards the end of the season Benfica suddenly climbed the league table and finished third.*

**shoot up** /ˌʃuːt 'ʌp/ [v I/T] to move up very quickly in a list of people, teams, records etc **+ in** *Since the debate Robertson has shot up in the polls. | shoot up sth The new detective series quickly shot up the TV ratings.*

# upset

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **sad, offend, criticize, insult, cry**

## 1 feeling upset

- ▶ upset
- ▶ hurt
- ▶ distressed
- ▶ distraught
- ▶ be in a state

**upset** /ʌp'set/ [adj not before noun] unhappy because something very unpleasant or disappointing has happened, so that you feel shocked or you want to cry: *Miss Hurley is too upset to speak to anyone at the moment. | The children were very upset when we told them that we wouldn't be going to Disneyland. | + about She's still upset about her uncle's death. | + (that) The organizers were upset that so few people visited the exhibition.*

**hurt** /hɜːrt/ [adj not before noun] upset and shocked because someone has been unkind to you, especially someone that you trusted and thought was a friend: *Bill felt very hurt when he realized she had lied to him. | + (that) Gretta was really hurt that none of her friends came to visit her in the hospital. | deeply hurt (=extremely hurt) Jackson was said to be 'deeply hurt' by the newspaper reports about him. —hurt [n U] Sylvie could still remember the hurt of being treated like an outsider.*

**distressed** /dɪ'strest/ [adj] extremely upset and shocked about something very unpleasant that has happened, so that you cry or become confused: *Herman becomes distressed when anyone asks him about the accident. | The airport was full of distressed relatives waiting for news of the crash. | + by/about/at Everyone in the office was distressed by Maggie's unexpected death. | Nelson's supporters were distressed about his use of racial slurs. | + that I was crying all the time, and my mother was distressed that she could do nothing to comfort me. | + to hear/learn/see/find etc We were all distressed to hear that Stuart had been attacked the night before. | deeply distressed (=extremely distressed) She was deeply distressed to see the animal in so much pain. —distress [n U] Mr and Mrs Roberts spoke with obvious distress about their missing daughter.*

**distraught** /dɪ'strɔːt/ [adj] extremely upset, usually because you are very worried about something, so that you cry a lot or seem confused: *He could see that I was distraught, but he still kept asking me questions. | The distraught parents of the missing baby have made a public appeal for her return. | + at/over/about We were all distraught about the accident, but Mama was the most upset. | Benson was so distraught over the breakup of his marriage that he committed suicide. | + that Casey was totally distraught that they were throwing him out of school.*

**be in a state** /biː ɪn ə 'steɪt/ [v phrase] British informal to be so upset that you cannot stop crying or control your emotions: *Stephan called me in a state, saying he was thinking of killing himself. | The children were in such a state that the police couldn't question them. | be in an awful/terrible/shocking etc state He's been in a terrible state since Julie left him.*

## 2 to make someone feel upset

- ▶ upset
- ▶ hurt
- ▶ hurt sb's feelings
- ▶ distress

**upset** /ʌp'set/ [v T] *I'm sorry if I upset you – I didn't mean to. | 'Why's he crying?' 'I don't know – something must have upset him.' | Try not to upset your father. He's had a hard day. | it upsets sb to see/hear/think etc It still upsets me to think about my parents' divorce. | what upsets sb is What upsets me most is the way she lied to me.*

**hurt** /hɜːrt/ [v T] to make someone feel upset by being unkind to them or not thinking enough about their feelings, especially someone who trusts you and thinks you are their friend: *I would never do anything to hurt her. | The fact that his parents take little*



interest in his life hurts him more than he admits. | **it hurts sb to see/hear/learn etc** *It hurts me to think that you still don't trust me.*

**hurt sb's feelings** /ˌhɜːrt (sb's) 'fiːlɪŋz/ [v phrase] to make someone feel upset or offended by something that you say or do, often unintentionally: *I'm sorry if I hurt your feelings, but I was just being honest.* | *Don't tell your sister what William said – you'll only hurt her feelings.* | *I didn't tell him I don't like his haircut – I don't want to hurt his feelings.*

**distress** /dɪ'stres/ [v T] formal to make someone feel extremely upset or worried: *The number of young men who called asking for Marie distressed her mother.* | **it distresses sb to see/hear etc** *It distressed him to see Susie cry.*

### 3 to become upset

- ▶ **get upset**
- ▶ **get worked up**
- ▶ **take sth to heart**
- ▶ **get het up**

**get upset** /ˌget ʌp'set/ [v phrase] *I get upset when I see people being cruel to animals.* | *At the slightest mention of her ex-husband's name she gets upset.* | **+ about** *It was an awful thing for him to say, but there's no point in getting upset about it.*

**get worked up** /ˌget wɜːrkt 'ʌp/ [v phrase] informal to become very upset or angry, so that you think things are worse than they really are: *I'll tell you what he said, but promise you won't get worked up.* | **+ about/over** *It's not worth getting worked up about. Anyone can make a mistake.* | **get (yourself) all worked up** *If there's nothing you can do, why get yourself all worked up, honey?*

**take sth to heart** /ˌteɪk (sth) tə 'hɑːrt/ [v phrase] to be more upset by what someone says than they intended you to be: *Don't take anything he said to heart – he was drunk.* | *Brian is a very sensitive kind of person and he takes criticism very much to heart.*

**get het up** /ˌget ˌhet 'ʌp/ [v phrase] especially British, informal to become very upset about something in a way that other people think is unnecessary: *There's no need to get so het up – it's only a driving test!*

### 4 making you feel upset

- ▶ **upsetting**
- ▶ **distressing**
- ▶ **painful**
- ▶ **harrowing**
- ▶ **traumatic**

**upsetting** /ʌp'setɪŋ/ [adj] *She can't talk about her son's death – she finds it too upsetting.* | *Many adults manage to forget their more upsetting childhood experiences.* | **it is upsetting to do sth** *It was upsetting to have to say goodbye so soon.*

**distressing** /dɪ'stresɪŋ/ [adj] making you feel extremely upset or worried: *U.N. officials have called the recent arrest of political opponents 'distressing.'* | *Being in a strange city with no money was an extremely distressing situation.*

**painful** /'peɪnfəl/ [adj] a **painful** experience or memory makes you feel extremely upset and sad: *It's five years since we separated, but I still find the memories quite painful.* | *For those involved, the scandal has been a very painful experience.* | **+ to** *Colin's death is painful to me and everyone who knew him.* | **it is painful to see/hear etc** *It was so painful to see how frail she had become in just a few months.*

**harrowing** /'hærəʊɪŋ/ [adj] an experience or event that is **harrowing** makes you feel extremely upset because it is very frightening or shocking: *The film contained harrowing scenes of starving children.* |

*After a harrowing bus ride through the mountains, we arrived at the port of Heraklion.*

**traumatic** /trɔː'mætɪk/ [adj] an experience or event that is **traumatic** makes you feel so upset that it affects the way you think or behave for a very long time: *Len's slow and painful death was traumatic for the entire family.* | *Learning to swim was the most traumatic experience of my childhood.*

### 5 getting upset easily

- ▶ **sensitive**
- ▶ **oversensitive/overly sensitive**

**sensitive** /'sensɪtɪv/ [adj] *My brother pretends he's tough, but he's actually pretty sensitive.* | **+ about** *I didn't realize that Lee was so sensitive about her family.* | **sensitive to criticism** *If you are a public figure you can't afford to be too sensitive to criticism.*

**oversensitive/overly sensitive** /ˌəʊvə'sensɪtɪv, ˌəʊvə'li 'sensɪtɪv/ [adj] use this about someone who you think gets upset too easily: *When I complain about the mean things he says, he just tells me I'm being oversensitive.* | *Overly sensitive children have trouble making friends with other children.*

## use

#### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ **get used to something see used to/accustomed to**

#### WHAT'S HERE

- **to use sth for a purpose** see **1 to 15**
- **to use/consume** see **16 to 19**
- **to use a person to your own advantage** see **20 to 21**

### to use sth for a purpose

#### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ **use something that belongs to some else see borrow**
- ▶ **not being used see available/not available**
- ▶ **see also way (1-6), purpose**

### 1 to use something for a purpose

- ▶ **use**
- ▶ **with**
- ▶ **make use of**

**use** /juːz/ [v T] *Do you mind if I use your phone?* | *Are we allowed to use a dictionary in the test?* | *They rebuilt the church using local stone.* | **use sth to do sth** *Use a calculator to check your answers.* | **use sth for doing sth** *We use the shed for storing our firewood.* | **use sth as sth** *We decided to use the second bedroom as a junk room.*

**with** /wɪð, wɪθ/ [prep] if you do something **with** a tool, piece of equipment etc you use a tool, piece of equipment etc to do it: *Beat the egg with a fork.* | *Do you have anything I can open the bottle with?*

**make use of** /ˌmeɪk 'juːs ɒv/ [v phrase] to use something you have available for a particular purpose:



To build the shelter, they had to make use of whatever bits of wood or plastic they could find. | **+ to do sth** The Romans made use of volcanic ash to produce concrete. | **+ as** Who were the first to make use of pigeons as messengers?

## 2 to use particular methods, knowledge, skills etc

- ▶ **use**
- ▶ **make use of**
- ▶ **put sth to use**
- ▶ **apply**
- ▶ **exercise**
- ▶ **utilize**
- ▶ **draw on**
- ▶ **exploit**

**use** /ju:z/ [v T] Researchers often use questionnaires in their work. | I can't tell you what to do – you must use your own discretion. | **use sth to do sth** The nurse must use her communication skills to make the patient feel at ease. | These new techniques are already being used to produce special effects in films. — **use** /ju:s/ [n U] There have been complaints about the use of excessive force by the police.

**make use of** /,meɪk 'ju:s əv/ [v phrase] to use a method, skill, or piece of information that is available to you: People asked her why she didn't make use of her musical talent and give singing lessons. | We might as well make good use of his expertise while he's here.

**put sth to use** /,pʊt (sth) tə 'ju:s/ [v phrase] to start to use something, especially knowledge or a skill that has not been used before: Your knowledge of computers can finally be put to use when the office buys a new system next month. | When governments acquire personal information about people they always try to put it to political use. | **put sth to good use** I finally feel that I can put all my education to good use in this job.

**apply** /ə'plai/ [v T] to use something such as a method, idea, or system in a particular situation, activity, or process **apply sth to sth** New technology is being applied to almost every industrial process. | You can't apply policies designed for a big country like the United States to a small country like Cuba. | **apply sth to do sth** There are several tests you can apply to find out how old a tree is.

**exercise** /'eksə'saɪz/ [v T] to use your authority, influence etc effectively in order to achieve something: Parents sometimes need to exercise their authority and say 'no' to their children. | The Congress must decide whether to exercise its veto or not. | Many people are exercising their right to leave the state pension plan.

**utilize** ALSO **utilise** British /'ju:tɪlaɪz/ [v T] formal to use something that is available to you: Employers must utilize their workers more effectively if the region is to become an economic success.

**draw on** /'drɔ: ɒn/ [phr v T] to use information, knowledge, or experience that you have learned in the past, in order to do something more effectively: As a teacher, she drew on her knowledge of her own children. | Journalists draw on both published and unofficial information from many different sources. | It was a challenge, but luckily we had the experience to draw on.

**exploit** /ɪk'splɔɪt/ [v T] to use something as fully and effectively as possible in order to gain as much as possible from it: Britain consistently fails to exploit the scientific discoveries made in its universities. | The country's natural resources have not yet been fully exploited.

## 3 to use a service that is available

- ▶ **use**
- ▶ **make use of**

**use** /ju:z/ [v T] How often do you use the library? | Now that we have a car we very rarely use the buses. | The hotel used to offer a baby-sitting service, but no one ever used it. — **use** /ju:s/ [n U] There has been a decline in the use of the subway system over recent years.

**make use of** /,meɪk 'ju:s əv/ [v phrase] to use something that is available, especially in order to enjoy it or to get something that you want from it: Not enough people are making use of the company's fitness centre. | **make good use of sth** Students are encouraged to make good use of all the computing facilities.

## 4 someone who uses something

- ▶ **user**

**user** /'ju:zə/ [n C] Software should be designed to be as accessible as possible to users. | **road/phone/library etc user** Drunken drivers are a menace to themselves and other road users. | A new information service will soon be available to library users. | **end user** (=the person who uses a product) Computers are sold direct to end users as well as through dealers.

## 5 to use a situation in order to gain an advantage

- ▶ **use**
- ▶ **exploit**
- ▶ **make use of**
- ▶ **take advantage of**
- ▶ **play on**
- ▶ **capitalize on**

**use** /ju:z/ [v T] **use sth to do sth** She used her position as manager to get jobs for her friends. | The prisoners used the confusion caused by the fire to conceal their escape. | **use sth for sth** Charles was able to use his family connection for his own personal advancement. | **use sth as sth** Right-wing activists used people's fear of unemployment as a way of stirring up extremism.

**exploit** /ɪk'splɔɪt/ [v T] to use a situation in order to gain as much advantage for yourself as possible, especially in a way that people disapprove of: Opposition leaders were quick to exploit government embarrassment over the incident. | **exploit sth to do sth** The country could exploit its position as a major oil producer to push up world oil prices.

**make use of** /,meɪk 'ju:s əv/ [v phrase] to use a situation in order to gain an advantage for yourself, especially when that situation has already existed for some time: I made use of my old contacts to get a job when I come back from Australia. | The Republicans were making use of their large majority in congress to block legislation on taxes.

**take advantage of** /,teɪk əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ əv//-'væn-/ [v phrase] to use an opportunity in order to do what you want or need to do: Shoppers flocked to take advantage of a supermarket price war which cut the price of many goods. | **+ to do sth** Many small investors are taking advantage of these attractive share offers to make a quick profit.

**play on** /'pleɪ ɒn/ [phr v T] **play on sb's fears/greed/sympathy/prejudices etc** to use someone's fears, sympathy etc in order to gain an advantage for yourself: A common sales tactic is to play on people's greed in order to make them buy more than they



need. | *Disguised as an electrician, he played on people's trust to trick them out of money.*

**capitalize on** /'kæpɪtl-aɪz ɒn/ [phr v T not in passive] to use a situation in order to gain an advantage and make yourself more successful or more effective: *Teachers can capitalize on young children's natural curiosity.* | **fail to capitalize on sth** *The generals failed to capitalize on the weaknesses and divisions in the enemy camp.* | **+ to do sth** *Will the President capitalize on his immense popularity to exert strong leadership?*

## 6 used for a particular purpose

- ▶ **be used**
- ▶ **be for**
- ▶ **serve as**
- ▶ **double as**

**be used** /bi: 'ju:zd/ [v phrase] **+ as** *Three extra rooms were used as classrooms when necessary.* | *An old Chianti bottle can be used as an attractive base for a table-lamp.* | **+ for** *The tanks are used for storing chemicals.* | **+ to do sth** *Hypnosis is sometimes used to help people give up smoking.*

**be for** /bi: 'fɔ:r/ [v phrase] to be intended to be used for a particular purpose: *'What are these buttons for?' 'They're for controlling the heating system.'* | *The phones are for internal communication only.*

**serve as** /'sɜ:v æz/ [v phrase not usually in progressive] to be used for a particular purpose, especially a different purpose from its original one: *The old hospital in London Road now serves as a hostel for the homeless.* | *They had no bathroom, so a hole in the ground served as a toilet.*

**double as** /'dʌbəl æz/ [phr v T not usually in progressive] if something **doubles as** something else, it is used for that purpose as well as for its original purpose: *The village post-office doubles as a store.* | *Lingerie that doubles as clothing was very fashionable at the time.*

## 7 what something can be used for

- ▶ **use**
- ▶ **application**
- ▶ **function**

**use** /ju:s/ [n C] a way in which something can be used: *Robots have many different uses in modern industry.* | *The land has been developed for tourism and other recreational uses.* | **+ of the use of** *animals in scientific experiments*

**application** /æplɪ'keɪʃən/ [n C] a practical use of something, especially in science or industry **+ of** *The possible applications of this invention are limitless.* | **practical application** *scientific research and its practical applications*

**function** /'fʌŋkʃən/ [n C] the purpose for which something is intended or the way people use it: *What is the function of literature in our society?* | **+ of** *The main function of the bars is to protect the driver's legs.*

## 8 being used now

- ▶ **be in use**
- ▶ **be occupied**
- ▶ **be taken**
- ▶ **be engaged**

**be in use** /bi: ɪn 'ju:s/ [v phrase] if a room or machine **is in use**, it is being used by someone at the present time: *The meeting room is in use at the moment, so we'll have to go somewhere else.* | *All the photocopiers are in use. Could you come back later?*

**be occupied** /bi: 'ɒkjʊpaɪd/-'ɑ:k-/ [v phrase] if seats, rooms, beds etc **are occupied**, they are being used and are therefore not available for anyone else to

use: *All the chairs in the hall were occupied and at least 100 people had to stand.* | *We're having to turn patients away because all the beds are occupied.*

**be taken** /bi: 'teɪkən/ [v phrase] if a seat in a train, theatre, restaurant etc **is taken**, it is not available because someone else is already sitting there or will be soon: *I'm sorry. This seat's taken.* | *There was nowhere to sit down in the hall. All the seats were taken.*

**be engaged** /bi: ɪn'geɪdʒd/ [v phrase] British if a telephone line or a public toilet **is engaged**, someone else is using it: *Every time I try to call her, the line's engaged.* | *When the toilet is engaged, a red light shows above the door.*

## 9 something that can be used

- ▶ **available**
- ▶ **free**
- ▶ **usable**
- ▶ **valid**
- ▶ **current**

**available** /ə'veɪləbəl/ [adj] something that is **available** can be used, for example because no one else is using it or it is not being used for anything else: *This program will take up a lot of your available disk space.* | **every available** *Houses were being built on every available plot of land.* | **whatever is available** *Use whatever seasonal vegetables are available.*

**free** /fri:/ [adj] use this about a chair, room, table etc that you can use because no-one else is using it: *The office next door is free if you need somewhere to work.* | *There's just one free table, over there in the corner.*

**usable** /'ju:zəbəl/ [adj] something that is **usable** can be used, because it works well or because it has been made ready for use: *I know the bicycle's old, but it's still usable.* | *The refinery turns crude oil into usable products such as gas and tar.* | *The program has some nice features that make it more usable than most.*

**valid** /'vælɪd/ [adj] if a ticket, passport etc is **valid**, you can legally use it and it will be officially accepted.: *Do you have a valid driver's license?* | **+ for** *Your ticket is valid for travel at any time of the day.* | **valid for 10 years/two months/one week etc** *My passport is valid for 10 years.*

**current** /'kʌrənt||'kɜ:r-/ [adj usually before noun] a **current** official document has not yet reached the date after which it can no longer be used: *Acceptable forms of ID include a current passport or a birth certificate.*

## 10 something that can be used in various ways

- ▶ **versatile**
- ▶ **multi-purpose**
- ▶ **all-purpose**

**versatile** /'vɜ:rsətaɪl||-tl/ [adj] something that is **versatile** can be used in many different ways: *Few foods are as versatile as cheese.* | *Because lavender oil is versatile and cheap, it is the most used in aromatherapy.* | *a versatile work table*

**multi-purpose** /,mʌltɪ 'pɜ:rpəs-/ [adj only before noun] a **multi-purpose** tool, machine, piece of equipment etc has been specially designed to have many different uses: *The emergency box contains a multi-purpose knife with screwdriver, scissors and a can-opener.* | *The new multi-purpose bank card gives access to your checking accounts and can also be used as a credit card.*



**all-purpose** /'ɔ:l pɜ:pəs/ [adj only before noun] an **all-purpose** product has been specially made for all the uses which that type of product has: *You can buy an all-purpose greetings card, with blank space, for you to write in your own message.* | *an all-purpose cleaning fluid*

## 11 to use something again

- **reuse**      ► **recycle**

**reuse** /ri:'ju:z/ [v T] to use something more than once: *The supermarket encourages shoppers to reuse plastic bags.* | *The bottles are designed to be reused up to 20 times.*

**recycle** /ri:'saɪkəl/ [v T] to put bottles, newspapers, cans etc through a process so that they can be used for making new glass products, paper etc: *New techniques for recycling plastics are being introduced.* — **recyclable** [adj] *Most cans are recyclable.* — **recycled** [adj] *All our envelopes are made from recycled paper.* — **recycling** [adj only before noun] *a recycling bin*

## 12 to use something wrongly

- **misuse**      ► **abuse**

**misuse** /mis'ju:z/ [v T] to use something wrongly, for a purpose that was not intended: *Measures must be taken to prevent confidential data from being misused.* | *He is accused of misusing public funds.* — **misuse** /mis'ju:s/ [n C/U] *Opponents of genetic engineering see it as a misuse of scientific knowledge.*

**abuse** /ə'bju:z/ [v T] to use something for a bad purpose, especially to use a position of power or trust in order to get a personal advantage: *Local politicians abused their privileges to make themselves rich.* | *people who abuse the welfare system* — **abuse** /ə'bju:s/ [n U] *This is an obscene abuse of political power.*

## 13 words, remarks, ideas etc that have been used too much

- **over-used**      ► **be wearing thin**  
► **stale**      ► **clichéd**  
► **trite**      ► **hackneyed**

**over-used** /əʊvər 'ju:zd/ [adj] used too much and therefore no longer interesting or effective: *'Creative' is an over-used word nowadays and is difficult to define.* | *His lecture turned out to be full of unoriginal material and over-used examples.*

**stale** /sterl/ [adj] no longer interesting or exciting because of having been used too much: *Nicholson's routine was full of stale old jokes that we'd all heard before.* | *stale advertising images*

**trite** /traɪt/ [adj] a **trite** remark, idea etc has been used so often, that it seems boring or not sincere: *I know it might sound like a trite remark, but mothers usually know best.*

**be wearing thin** /bi: 'weərɪŋ 'θɪn/ [v phrase] if an excuse, an argument, someone's behaviour etc is **wearing thin**, it has been used so often that it no longer has any effect and is annoying: *Her rebellious teenager act is wearing thin.* After all, she's nearly twenty-five. | **be wearing a bit/a little thin** *That joke is wearing a bit thin now, Stuart.*

**clichéd** /'kli:ʃeɪd//kli:ʃeɪd/ [adj] speech, writing or an idea that is **clichéd** is boring and without real

meaning, because it is not original at all: *the clichéd openings of jokes like, 'Have you heard the one about ... ?' | We work well together and we are really good friends. I know it sounds clichéd but it's the truth.*

**hackneyed** /'hæknɪd/ [adj] a **hackneyed** phrase, statement etc is boring and does not have much meaning because it has been used so often before: *Politicians tend to repeat the same hackneyed expressions over and over again.* | *All those slogans we used to chant sound so hackneyed now.*

## 14 no longer being used

- **disused**      ► **gather dust**  
► **unused**      ► **fall into disuse**  
► **idle**

**disused** /dis'ju:zd/ [adj only before noun] especially British a **disused** factory, mine, railway etc is old and not used any more: *The drugs were found in a disused warehouse.* | *They have been given a grant to convert the disused church into luxury flats.*

**unused** /ʌn'ju:zd/ [adj] something that is **unused** has not yet been used or has not been used for a long time: *His old car sat in the garage, unused.* | *Batteries which are unused for long periods may have to be recharged.* | *Unused muscles can feel very sore when you start exercising.*

**idle** /'aɪdl/ [adj not before noun] if machines or factories are **idle**, they are not being used: | **stand/sit/lie idle** *Most of the factory stood idle during the strike.* | *The new machines may sit idle for months until they have been paid for.* | *Why is millions of pounds worth of state-of-the-art equipment lying idle?*

**gather dust** /gæðər 'dʌst/ [v phrase] if something such as a machine or a plan **gathers dust**, it is not being used, especially when it could be useful: *Some of the new equipment is just gathering dust because the staff have not been trained to use it.* | *The plans lie gathering dust in some government office.*

**fall into disuse** /fɔ:l ɪntə dis'ju:s/ [v phrase] if something **falls into disuse**, people gradually stop using it because they no longer need or want it: *The canal system fell into disuse around the end of the nineteenth century.* | *When the old woman died, the house fell into disuse.*

## 15 documents, tickets etc that can no longer be used

- **invalid**      ► **null and void**  
► **out of date**

**invalid** /ɪn'vælɪd/ [adj] a ticket, passport etc that is **invalid** cannot legally be used and it will not be officially accepted: *I'm afraid your ticket is invalid on this route.* | *This passport is invalid. Look at the expiry date.*

**out of date** /aʊt əv 'deɪt/ [adj/adv] a ticket, passport etc that is **out of date** cannot be used because the time during which it could be used has passed: *Are you aware that your passport is out of date?* | **days/months/years out of date** *He tried to get on the train using a pass that was months out of date.*

**null and void** /nʌl ən 'vɔɪd/ [adj phrase] a document such as a contract that is **null and void** has no legal force and cannot be used for any purpose – used in legal contexts: *If the contract has not been signed by witnesses, it is considered null and void.*



## to use/consume

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ use all of something see **finish**
- ▶ see also **waste**

## 16 to use an amount of something

- ▶ use
- ▶ use up
- ▶ consume
- ▶ get/go through
- ▶ burn up
- ▶ eat up
- ▶ take up
- ▶ expend

**use** /ju:z/ [v T] to use an amount of something such as fuel, water, or food: *Who's used all the hot water?* | *We use about six pints of milk a week.* | *Planning is essential to make sure that resources are used effectively.* | *The average Westerner uses over 260 lbs of paper every year.*

**use up** /ju:z 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to use all of something, so that there is none left **use up sth** *We should use up everything in the fridge before we go on vacation.* | *The country's oil reserves will soon be used up.* | **use sth up** *That is to say, once we have used our fossil fuels up, there won't be any more.*

**consume** /kən'sju:m||-'su:m/ [v T] formal to use fuel, energy, water, and other natural products – use this especially to talk about the amount of fuel, energy etc used by people in general: *The US imports 45% of the oil that it consumes.* | *Industrialized countries consume natural resources in huge quantities.*

**get/go through** /'get, 'gəʊ θru:/ [phr v T] to use a large amount of something in a short period: *Sometimes I go through a whole pack of cigarettes in a single afternoon.* | *We went through our food supplies at an alarming rate.*

**burn up** /bɜ:ʔn 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to use a lot of something, especially energy or fuel: *In the typical Western diet, all the energy in protein is burned up daily.* | **burn up calories** (=to use energy, for example by exercising) *Women tend to burn up calories less efficiently than men.*

**eat up** /i:t 'ʌp/ [phr v T] if something **eats up** money, gas, electricity etc, it uses it very quickly and in large amounts: *My rent eats up most of my money.* | *Non-energy saving light bulbs just eat up electricity.* | *The V8 is a very powerful engine, but it really eats up gas.*

**take up** /teɪk 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to use space or time, especially a lot of it: *Filing cabinets are very useful but they take up a lot of space.* | *I'll go now – I don't want to take up too much of your time.*

**expend** /ɪk'spend/ [v T] formal **expend energy/time/effort etc** to use energy, time etc when you are doing something, usually too much of it: *The final result hardly justifies the amount of time and energy that has been expended.* | **expend sth on/upon sth** *We expend a lot of effort every day upon quite pointless activities.*

## 17 the amount of something that is used

- ▶ consumption

**consumption** /kən'sʌmpʃən/ [n U] the amount of fuel, energy etc that people use **water/fuel/energy etc consumption** *The government is urging people to reduce their water consumption.* | *Most people are aware of the need to reduce energy consumption.* | **+ of declining consumption of coal, oil and gas**

## 18 someone that regularly uses amounts of something

- ▶ user
- ▶ consumer

**user** /'ju:zə/ [n C] *Part of the increase in price will be passed on to private users.* | *one of the heaviest users of fossil fuels in the world* | **drug user** *There is a growing concern about the spread of AIDS among drug users.*

**consumer** /kən'sju:mə||-'su:-/ [n C] someone who buys and uses products and services: *Only 25% of the price a consumer pays for vegetables goes to the farmer.* | **consumer demand/behaviour/preferences etc** *Supermarkets are responding to increased consumer demand for organic products.* | *Improved consumer choice is one of the benefits of a free market.* | **the consumer** (=consumers generally) *Any increase in the cost of transporting goods will be passed on to the consumer.*

## 19 amounts of something that have not been used

- ▶ unused
- ▶ untouched
- ▶ untapped

**unused** /,ʌn'ju:zd/ [adj usually before noun] something that is **unused**, has not been used, especially because it has not been needed: *Any unused wool can be returned to the shop.* | *Unused ammunition was dumped by US planes over Laos.* | *the safe disposal of unused stocks of pharmaceutical products*

**untouched** /,ʌn'tʌtʃt/ [adj] not used at all – use this when it is unusual or surprising that something has not been used: *The guests had disappeared and the food was untouched.* | **leave sth untouched** *We managed to leave our savings untouched when we bought the new car.*

**untapped** /,ʌn'tæpt/ [adj] **untapped** supplies of something, especially a natural product, have not been used: *Untapped reserves of oil and minerals are thought to lie beneath the desert.* | *The firm recognized that the potential of their databases went largely untapped.* | **untapped resources** *The plants of the Australian outback represent a vast untapped resource.*

## to use a person for your own advantage

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **force sb to do sth, trick/deceive**

## 20 to use someone for your own advantage

- ▶ use
- ▶ take advantage of
- ▶ exploit
- ▶ manipulate
- ▶ can wrap/wind sb around your little finger

**use** /ju:z/ [v T] *Can't you see they're just using you?* | *She lets herself be used and then dropped by almost every man she meets.* | **use sb to do sth** *The drug smugglers used innocent travellers to carry the drugs through customs.* | **use sb for your own ends** (=for your own advantage) *In his political life, he was not above using his family for his own ends.*



**take advantage of** /ˌteɪk ədˈvɑːntɪdʒ əv ˈvæn-/ [v phrase] to use someone for your own advantage, especially someone who is very generous or is easily persuaded or deceived: *Don't let them take advantage of you. Stand up for yourself. | Older brothers and sisters often take advantage of the younger children in a family. | take advantage of sb's good nature* She's always willing to babysit, but I don't want to take advantage of her good nature.

**exploit** /ɪkˈsplɔɪt/ [v T] to use someone in order to get what you want, especially to make money from their work: *Many employers are only too ready to exploit and underpay female part-time workers. | Peasants in remote areas of the country were being shamelessly exploited by wealthy land owners. —exploitation* /ˌeksplɔɪˈteɪʃən/ [n U] *protests against the exploitation of children in the clothing industry*

**manipulate** /məˈnɪpjəleɪt/ [v T] to make someone do exactly what you want them to do by influencing them in a clever and dishonest way: *He's so crazy about her he doesn't realize he's being manipulated. | manipulate sb into (doing) sth* He managed to manipulate her into lending his company £500,000. | *He's such a nice man, I could imagine him getting manipulated into a situation like that. —manipulation* /məˈnɪpjəˈleɪʃən/ [n U] *the manipulation of public opinion by the media —manipulative* /məˈnɪpjəˈleɪtɪv/ [adj] good at manipulating people: *Small children can be quite manipulative.*

**can wrap/wind sb around your little finger** /kən ˈræp, ˈwaɪnd (sb) əraʊnd ʃɔːr ˈlɪtl ˈfɪŋɡər/ [v phrase] informal to be able to persuade someone to do anything you want, especially someone who likes or loves you: *Young girls quickly learn how to wind Daddy around their little finger. | have sb wound/wrapped around your little finger* It was obvious she had her mother wrapped around her little finger.

## 21 someone who is used by someone else

- ▶ pawn
- ▶ puppet
- ▶ tool
- ▶ stooge
- ▶ instrument

**pawn** /pɔːn/ [n C] someone who is used by a more powerful person or group as part of their plans for getting power, especially when the person being used does not realize this: *The soldiers were nothing more than pawns, regarded as dispensable by their officers. | use sb as a pawn* The ambassador was being used as a pawn in the struggle between the two superpowers.

**puppet** /ˈpʌpɪt/ [n C] a ruler or government that seems to be independent but is really controlled by the government of another more powerful country **a puppet ruler/regime/government** *In 1290, Edward I set up a puppet government in the Scottish lowlands. | + of* During the 70s many Eastern European leaders were merely puppets of the Kremlin.

**tool** /tuːl/ [n C] someone who is controlled and used unfairly by another person or group, especially to do something bad **+ of** *The king was merely a tool of the military regime.*

**stooge** /stuːdʒ/ [n C] someone who always does what another person or group wants: *Community leaders in the area are widely regarded as police stooges. | + of* He accused her of being a stooge of the Tory Party.

**instrument** /ˈɪnstrʊmənt/ [n C] someone who is

used and controlled by someone or something more powerful **+ of** *Even small children were used as instruments of the regime, encouraged to spy on and report their parents. | The Committee on Ethics in Public Life was regarded by many as being a mere instrument of the government.*

## used to/accustomed to

when something seems normal to you because you have often done it or experienced it before

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ used to do sth in the past *see past (3)*

### 1 to be used to something

- ▶ be used to
- ▶ be accustomed to
- ▶ be/feel at home with

**be used to** /biː ˈjuːst tuː/ [v phrase] if you are used to something, you have often done it or experienced it before, so it does not seem strange, new, or difficult to you: *At first Omar hated the rain in England, but he's used to it now. | The car breaks down so often, I suppose I should be used to it by now. | be used to doing sth* She grew up on a farm, so she's used to getting up early. | *My grandfather was used to having everything done for him.*

**be accustomed to** /biː əˈkʌstəmd tuː/ [v phrase] formal to be used to something, especially because it is a normal part of your life: *Americans are much more accustomed to computer technology these days. | be accustomed to doing sth* They were already accustomed to waiting, so no one complained. | *A few of the men in the office weren't accustomed to taking orders from women.*

**be/feel at home with** /biː, ˈfiːl ət ˈhəʊm wɪð/ [v phrase] to be so used to something that you feel comfortable and happy with it, especially because you have learned how to do it well: *Jim has lived in Tokyo for 20 years, so he is perfectly at home with Japanese customs. | Practise using the computer until you feel at home with the mouse and keyboard.*

### 2 something that you are used to

- ▶ familiar

**familiar** /fəˈmɪliər/ [adj] a familiar place, idea, situation etc is one that you are used to and that you know well: *It was good to be back in familiar surroundings. | We heard the familiar sound of coyotes in the distance. | + to* This kind of problem will be familiar to many married couples. | **old familiar** That morning she heard an old familiar voice on the kitchen radio. | **that familiar sth** Robbie got that familiar goofy expression on his face as I told him the story.

### 3 to gradually become used to something

- ▶ get used to
- ▶ become/grow accustomed to
- ▶ adjust to
- ▶ adapt to
- ▶ acclimatize/become acclimatized

**get used to** /ˌget ˈjuːst tuː/ [v phrase] *Once you get used to a routine, it's hard to change. | Paul had*



finally gotten used to Heidi's mood swings. | **get used to (doing) sth** Mary never really got used to living on her own after her husband died. | *It took me a while to get used to the casual atmosphere in the office.*

**become/grow accustomed to** /biˌkʌm, grəʊ ə'kʌstəmd tuː/ [v phrase] formal written to get used to something: *After a while Edward's eyes grew accustomed to the dark.* | *Living so near the airport, they've grown accustomed to the sound of planes overhead.* | **become/grow accustomed to doing sth** She had become accustomed to cooking for everyone in the house. | *Larry remained completely relaxed – he was accustomed to dealing with difficult customers.*

**adjust to** /ə'dʒʌst tuː/ [v phrase] to get gradually used to a new situation, by changing your attitudes or the way you do things: *It took us a while to adjust to the tropical climate.* | *Some of the staff found it hard to adjust to all the changes in technology and working methods.* | **adjust to doing sth** Kids need help to adjust to having a new baby in the house.

**adapt to** /ə'dæpt tuː/ [v phrase] to gradually change your behaviour and attitudes, so that you get used to a new situation and can deal with it effectively: *Slowly the country is adapting to the new market economy.* | **adapt to doing sth** She adapted remarkably well to eating a limited diet, and she's lost a great deal of weight. | *After living in a house with a garden, it's hard to adapt to living in a flat.*

**acclimatize/become acclimatized** ALSO **acclimatise/become acclimatised** British ALSO **acclimate/become acclimated** American /ə'klaɪmətaɪz, biˌkʌm ə'klaɪmətaɪzd, ə'klaɪmət 'ækləmeɪt, biˌkʌm ə'klaɪmətɪd/ [v /v phrase] to get used to a new place or a different type of weather: *When first arriving in the Himalayas, mountaineers must give themselves time to acclimatize.* | **+ to** *As the immigrants became acclimatized to life in America, they abandoned some of their old traditions.* | *I flew to Hong Kong a day early to give myself a chance to acclimatise to the time difference.* | **get acclimatized/acclimatised/acclimated** *The team wants to have a few practices to get acclimated to the ball park.* | **acclimatize/acclimatise/acclimate yourself** *After a while, if you acclimatise yourself to the heat, you can get by with two canteens of water a day.*

## 4 to get used to a new job or way of life

- ▶ settle in
- ▶ find your way around
- ▶ find your feet

**settle in** /ˌsetl 'ɪn/ [phr v l] to gradually get used to a new place or a new way of life, so that you feel relaxed and confident: *Paul never really settled in at his last school.* | *We normally give new employees a little while to settle in before we overload them with responsibilities.* | **settle into sth** *It didn't take Charlie long to settle into his new job.* | *Within a month she had settled into a moderate exercise regimen.*

**find your feet** /ˌfaɪnd ʃɔːr 'fiːt/ [v phrase] to get used to a new type of work or a new way of life, especially one that is difficult at first and takes time to learn: *I asked Susie if I could stay with her till I found my feet.* | *This organization's role is to help refugees find their feet when they arrive in the host country.*

**find your way around** /ˌfaɪnd ʃɔːr weɪ ə'raʊnd/ [v phrase] to get used to a new place where you have come to live or work, especially so that you know where everything is: *Whenever I move into a new neighborhood I like to spend a couple of weeks just finding my way around.* | **find your way around sth**

*The university campus is quite large and it takes new students a while to find their way around it.*

## 5 to be used to something difficult or unpleasant

- ▶ be used to
- ▶ be no stranger to
- ▶ be hardened to
- ▶ be inured to

**be used to** /biː 'juːst tuː/ [v phrase] *Living so far north, they're used to the very cold winters.* | **be used to doing sth** *It's a small company, so everyone is used to working late and on weekends.*

**be hardened to** /biː 'hɑːrɪnd tuː/ [v phrase] to have become used to something unpleasant or shocking because you have seen or experienced it many times before: *The relief workers are hardened to the sight of people dying from starvation.* | **be hardened to doing sth** *Violence is stressful even to those who are hardened to seeing it every day.* — **hardened** [adj only before noun] *Many of the soldiers are hardened veterans of the war in Afghanistan.*

**be no stranger to** /biː nəʊ 'streɪndʒər tuː/ [v phrase] to be used to sad or unpleasant situations because you have experienced them many times before: *Amanda is no stranger to sorrow – both of her parents died this past year.* | *As a writer he is no stranger to controversy.*

**be inured to** /biː rɪ'njʊəd tuː/ [v phrase] to be used to something difficult or unpleasant so that you are able to bear it, because it has happened so much or for so long – used in formal or literary contexts: *Diego looked like a man who was inured to disappointment.* | *After years in politics, Gramm seems to be inured to criticism.*

## 6 not used to something

- ▶ not be used to
- ▶ not be accustomed to
- ▶ unaccustomed/unused to

**not be used to** /nɒt biː 'juːst tuː/ [v phrase] *I'm not used to cold weather.* | *She's still not used to the new phone system.* | **not be used to doing sth** *We're not used to losing, so the defeat came as a surprise.* | *Like most jazz musicians, Dan wasn't used to getting up so early in the morning.*

**not be accustomed to** /nɒt biː ə'kʌstəmd tuː/ [v phrase] formal to not be used to something, especially because it is not a normal part of your life: *Sorry, but I need to sit down and rest – I'm not accustomed to the heat.* | *Helen wasn't accustomed to such a big breakfast.* | **not be accustomed to doing sth** *Mr Tench was not accustomed to being treated with disrespect.*

**unaccustomed/unused to** /ˌʌnə'kʌstəmd, ʌn- 'juːst tuː/ [v phrase] to be not used to something new or different, especially so that you find it unpleasant or hard to accept: *Coming from the country, I was entirely unused to city traffic.* | *My mother was unaccustomed to the hard physical work that was expected of her.* | **be unaccustomed/unused to doing sth** *He was a successful man, unused to sitting still.*

## 7 something that you are not used to

- ▶ unfamiliar
- ▶ strange

**unfamiliar** /ˌʌnfə'mɪliər/ [adj] an unfamiliar place, idea, situation etc is one that you are not used to or do not know much about: *Driving on the left-*



hand side of the road was unfamiliar and a little frightening. | She needs your support even more now that she's in an unfamiliar environment. | The army uses satellites to help soldiers navigate unfamiliar terrain. | **+ to** Some of these expressions may be unfamiliar to your students.

**strange** /streɪndʒ/ [adj only before noun] a strange country, food, custom etc is one that you are not used to because you have never been there before, experienced it before etc, and this may make you feel anxious: *The strange food made her ill.* | *He was a little nervous about moving to a strange country where he didn't know anyone.*

## useful

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **useless**

▶ see also **convenient**

### 1 useful

- ▶ **useful**
- ▶ **be of use**
- ▶ **handy**
- ▶ **practical**
- ▶ **be good for (doing) sth**
- ▶ **helpful**
- ▶ **valuable**
- ▶ **be worth it**

**useful** /'ju:sfəl/ [adj] something that is useful makes it easier for you to do something: *See page 35 for a list of useful addresses.* | *The bank gave us a lot of useful advice about starting our own business.* | **+ for (doing) sth** *Scotch tape is very useful for making quick repairs.* | **+ to** *information that may be useful to the enemy* | **+ in (doing) sth** *This equipment will prove useful in testing premature babies who we suspect might have hearing problems.*

**be of use** /bi: əv 'ju:s/ [v phrase] formal to be useful: *If there are items in the newspaper files which could be of use, please take a copy of them.* | **+ to** *This book will be of use to all teachers.* | **be some/any use** *Would these computer cleaners be any use to you?* | **be of some use** (=be fairly useful) *The information is slightly out-of-date, but it could still be of some use.*

**handy** /'hændi/ [adj] informal useful and easy to use: *This handy booklet tells you everything you need to know about getting connected to the Internet.* | *a handy chart for converting pounds into kilos* | **+ for (doing) sth** *There's a special brush you can attach to the vacuum cleaner, which is handy for cleaning the stairs.*

**practical** /'præktɪkəl/ [adj] designed to be useful rather than attractive – use this especially about clothes and things you use in your house: *The company specializes in making practical footwear for the leisure sports market.* | *a type of floor covering that is simple, practical, and cheap*

**be good for (doing) sth** /bi: ɡʊd fər ('du:ɪŋ) (sth)/ [v phrase] especially spoken to be suitable and useful for a particular job or purpose: *The table does take up a lot of space, but it's good for parties.* | *The big jars are good for storing pasta.*

**helpful** /'helpfəl/ [adj] something that is helpful is useful because it helps you to do something: *I found these cassettes very helpful when I was learning Spanish.* | *The Student Cook Book provides basic helpful advice without sounding patronising.* | **+ in doing sth** *The drug Prozac can be helpful in treating anxiety.* | **it is helpful to do sth** *I think it would be helpful to summarize what we agreed at the last meeting.*

**valuable** /'væljuəbəl, -jəbəl||'væljəbəl/ [adj] help, advice, knowledge etc that is valuable is very useful in helping you do something: *Joyce gave us a lot of valuable advice when we first started the company.* | **+ to** *Your knowledge and experience would be very valuable to us.* | **it is valuable for sb to do sth** *While it is valuable for children to have individual responsibilities, it is also good to share jobs with them.* | **valuable contribution** *Nuclear power makes a valuable contribution to the environment by curbing carbon dioxide emissions.*

**be worth it** /bi: 'wɜ:θ ɪt/ [v phrase] use this to say that something you do has a useful result: *I didn't bother looking at the instructions – I didn't think it was worth it.* | **be worth doing/trying etc** (=used especially to suggest doing something) *It may be worth putting an advertisement in the local paper.*

### 2 extremely useful

- ▶ **invaluable**
- ▶ **indispensable**
- ▶ **can't do/manage without**

**invaluable** /ɪn'væljuəbəl, -jəbəl||ɪn'væljəbəl/ [adj] *This book has been invaluable as a source of teaching materials.* | *Contact with Western medical techniques proved invaluable, and the student doctors have benefited greatly.* | **+ to** *Margaret's sensible suggestions have been invaluable to us.* | **+ for/in doing sth** *Improved sewage and water services were invaluable in preventing disease.*

**indispensable** /ɪndɪ'spensəbəl/ [adj] someone or something that is indispensable is so useful and important that you cannot do something without them: *For mountain-climbing a really good sleeping-bag is indispensable.* | *She soon became an indispensable member of staff.* | **+ to** *A knowledge of classical music is indispensable to anyone who wants to apply for this job.*

**can't do/manage without** /,kɑ:nt du:, ,mænɪdʒ wið'əʊt||,kænt-/ [v phrase] spoken use this about someone or something that is so useful that it would be very difficult to do something without them: *Of course we all have concerns about the environment but you can't do without a car out here in the countryside with no public transport.* | *Top TV chef Billy Williams says he couldn't manage without his food processor: 'It cuts down preparation time by about half and saves you all those fiddly tasks.'*

### 3 useful only in particular situations

- ▶ **come in handy**
- ▶ **have its uses**

**come in handy** informal ALSO **come in useful** British informal /,kɑm ɪn 'hændi, ,kɑm ɪn 'ju:sfəl/ [v phrase] something that comes in handy is not always necessary, but is good to have because it can be very useful in particular situations: *My knowledge of Spanish came in handy when the car broke down near Madrid.* | *Sometimes there are problems that are too big for you to sort out on your own. That's when professional advice comes in useful.* | **+ for (doing) sth** *A hacksaw always comes in handy for cutting plastic pipes.* | **+ as** *I suppose you thought I might come in useful as a translator.*

**have its uses** /,hæv ɪts 'ju:sɪz/ [v phrase not in progressive] informal use this to say that something is more useful than it seems: *This typewriter may be old, but it has its uses.* | *A knowledge of Latin can have its uses – for instance, it can help you if you are learning Italian.*



## 4 the quality of being useful

► usefulness

► utility

**usefulness** /'ju:sfəlnəs/ [n U] Statistics have some usefulness in the study of public health issues. | **outlive its usefulness** (=not be useful any more) We are beginning to think that this factory has outlived its usefulness as our main supplier.

**utility** /ju:'tɪlɪti/ [n U] formal how useful and effective something is: Demonstrations allow customers to get an immediate idea of a product's utility. | I have severe doubts about the utility of examinations on subjects which have been learned parrot-fashion.

# useless

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: ————— **useful**

► see also **purpose**

## 1 when something is not useful

► useless

► be no good

► be (of) no use

► be (of) no help

► have got no use for

**useless** /'ju:sləs/ [adj] not at all useful: The lifejackets turned out to be useless, because they didn't inflate properly. | a useless piece of information | She gave me a video, but of course it's useless without a player. | **completely/totally/utterly/absolutely useless** Presumably, my files will be completely useless to whoever stole them. | It's time you traded the car in, before it becomes utterly useless. | **useless for (doing) sth** That's a nice watch, but it's useless for going underwater. | Jay's car was 20 years old, and useless for anything but a short journey to the local shops. — **uselessly** [adv] His injured arm hung uselessly by his side.

**be (of) no use** /bi: (əv) ,nəʊ 'ju:s/ [v phrase] to be useless: This map's no use – it doesn't show the minor roads. | I'm freezing, and these heaters are no use either. | **+ to** All this information is of no use to me now. It's too late. | **be of no use for doing sth** It's a great rifle – but no use for shooting anything bigger than a rabbit.

**have got no use for** /həv gɒt nəʊ 'ju:s fɔ: r||-gɑ:t-/ [v phrase] British if you **have no use for** something, you do not want it or need it because you cannot use it for anything: You may as well stop giving me these magazines – I've got no use for them, and they just go straight in the bin.

**be no good** /bi: ,nəʊ 'gʊd/ [v phrase] informal to be useless: These matches must have got wet – they're no good at all. | Yeah, Clancy's Bar is a lively place, but it's no good if you just want a quiet drink with a friend. | **be no good for (doing) sth** These glasses are no good for champagne. | We found out that the vehicle was not much good for transporting heavy loads. | **+ to** You're no good to me if you can't drive a car. | Do you want these bike parts? They're no good to me.

**be (of) no help** /bi: (əv) ,nəʊ 'help/ [v phrase] to not be helpful in a particular situation: Johnny had drawn me a map, but that was no help. | Seat belts are of no help at all in 30% of car accidents. | I looked at the departures screen, but that was no help because it was out of order. | **+ to** It was the nicest thing she could think of to say, but it was really no

help to me. | The follow-up seminar on women's issues was of no help to me, so I left early. | **be (of) no help in doing sth** In-store videos were of no help in identifying the criminals.

## 2 objects that are useless and not needed

► junk

► garbage

**junk** /dʒʌŋk/ [n U] objects that have little value because they are old, useless, broken, or unwanted: a market stall selling junk and old clothes | a pile of old junk | Her cupboards were full of junk which she had accumulated over the years.

**garbage** /'gɑ:rbiɪdʒ/ [n U] especially American, informal things that are useless because they are badly made, old, or broken: Don't buy from that store – most of the stuff there is garbage. | You can throw out all the stuff in that cupboard, it's garbage. | The attic was full of all kinds of garbage, including an old stereo and boxes of broken toys.

## 3 actions or activities that are useless

► pointless

► useless

► futile

**pointless** /'pɔɪntləs/ [adj] if someone does something that is **pointless**, it does not seem to have any useful purpose and will not help anyone: The argument was completely pointless. | pointless drug testing on animals | **a pointless exercise** (=something that you have to do that does not seem to have any purpose) We had to change the sheets daily, which always seemed to me to be a pointless exercise. | **it is pointless doing sth** British It's pointless trying to speak to the manager – she's always too busy. | Look, it's pointless us both waiting here – I'll go and find a phone. | **it is pointless to do sth** The company says it is pointless to compete in the air package holiday market. | Simon was probably dead, and it was pointless to think he was coming back. — **pointlessly** [adv] 'When ... ? How ... ?' I stammered pointlessly. I already knew the answers. — **pointlessness** [n U] Trevor began explaining the pointlessness of a classical education.

**futile** /'fju:taɪl||-tl/ [adj] a **futile** effort or attempt to do something is completely pointless because there is no chance of its being effective or successful: Kevin made one last futile attempt to persuade Sandra to go with him, then left. | Demonstrators condemned the summit as a futile and fruitless exercise. | **prove futile** (=when an attempt ends without being successful) All efforts to save the child proved futile. | Until attitudes at work are changed, attempts to improve performance are likely to prove futile. | **it is futile to do sth** The goal is not to punish the rebels, but to convince them that it is futile to resist. — **futility** /fju:'tɪlɪti/ [n U] Wilfrid Owen's poems stress the absolute futility of war. | **an exercise in futility** (=something that would be pointless to try doing) Signing a trade agreement would be an exercise in futility.

**useless** /'ju:sləs/ [adj] if an activity is **useless**, it does not achieve anything or does not help anyone: Numerous studies show that dieting is useless and may even cause weight gain. | I had to remind myself that worrying is a useless activity. | **it is useless to do sth** It was useless now to ask for help from my mother. | He knew it was useless to pretend to be innocent. | **it is useless doing something** British It's useless



trying to talk to you when you've had a drink. | I think it would be useless writing to the company – they haven't even returned my calls.

#### 4 ways of telling someone that it is useless to do something

- ▶ **there's no point/what's the point**
- ▶ **be a waste of time/be wasting your time**
- ▶ **it's not worth it**
- ▶ **it won't do you any good/it won't get you anywhere**
- ▶ **it's/there's no use**

**there's no point/what's the point** /ðeə'z ,nəʊ 'pɔɪnt, wɒts ðə 'pɔɪnt/ especially spoken say this when you think that it is useless to do something because it will not achieve any useful purpose: *'Why don't you try and sort out your argument with Mike?' 'There's no point – he never listens.'* | *Don't try working out what your exam results will be – there's no point.* | **there's no point (in) doing sth** *There's no point kidding yourself, Karen – he just isn't interested in you anymore.* | *It's frustrating, but there's no point in getting angry.* | **what's the point of doing sth?** spoken *You've already decided, so what's the point of discussing it?* | **see no point/not see the point** *I didn't see the point of waiting around, so I left.* | *I figured I'd be in town a while, and I saw no point in making enemies when I didn't have to.*

**be a waste of time/be wasting your time** /bi: ə ,weɪst əv 'taɪm, bi: ,weɪstɪŋ jɔ: 'taɪm/ [v phrase] spoken use this when you think that someone should not spend their time doing something because it will definitely not achieve anything **be a waste of time doing sth/wasting your time doing sth** *You're wasting your time trying to start that car. The battery's completely flat.* | *I told you it would be a waste of time applying for a visa.* | *Why waste your time trying to convince him? He won't change his mind.*

**it's not worth it** /ɪts ,nɒt 'wɜ:θ ɪt/ spoken say this when you think that something someone wants to do is not important enough to spend any time or money on: *Don't get angry. It's not worth it.* | *'You should have your car serviced.'* *'It isn't worth it. I hardly ever drive now.'*

**it won't do you any good/it won't get you anywhere** /ɪt ,wəʊnt du: ju: ,eni 'ɡʊd, ɪt ,wəʊnt get ju: 'eniweə/ spoken say this when you think that someone will not be able to change a situation or persuade someone by doing something: *Worrying about the test won't do you any good.* | *I don't think this is getting us anywhere. Can we change the subject?* | *Flattery won't get you anywhere – I'm not doing it.* | *All this speculation isn't doing anyone any good.*

**it's/there's no use** spoken ALSO **it's/there's no good** British spoken /ɪts, ðeə'z ,nəʊ 'ju:s, ɪts, ðeə'z ,nəʊ 'ɡʊd/ say this when something you are doing is not working so it is pointless to continue **no use (in) doing sth** *It's no use talking to me about interest rates and mortgages – I find it all too confusing.* | *It's no use lying about it because I saw you do it!* | *There's no use in getting upset about it now.* | **be no good doing sth** British *It's no good sitting here feeling sorry for yourself.* | *There's no good punishing him hours later, because he won't remember what he's done wrong.*

#### 5 when it is useless to try to persuade someone

- ▶ **it's like talking to a brick wall**
- ▶ **be wasting your breath**
- ▶ **till you're blue in the face**

**it's like talking to a brick wall** ALSO **might as well talk to a brick wall** British /ɪts laɪk ,tɔ:kiŋ tu ə ,brɪk 'wɔ:l, maɪt əz wel ,tɔ:k tu ə ,brɪk 'wɔ:l/ spoken use this to say that it is useless to try to persuade someone or argue with them, because they will not listen to what you are saying: *I wouldn't bother arguing with Francis – it's like talking to a brick wall.* | *I told you I don't want to go out again tonight – honestly, I might just as well talk to a brick wall!*

**be wasting your breath** /bi: ,weɪstɪŋ jɔ: 'breθ/ [v phrase] spoken use this to tell someone that there is no point in trying to argue with someone or persuade them about something because they will not change their opinion: *It's no good trying to make Kit change her mind – you'd just be wasting your breath.* | *He's wasting his breath. There's no way they're going to lend him the money.*

**till you're blue in the face** /tɪl jɔ: 'blu: ɪn ðə 'feɪs/ [adv] spoken if you talk, argue etc with someone **till you're blue in the face**, you talk or argue with them for a very long time when it is pointless to do this because they will not listen or understand: *You can argue till you're blue in the face, but it won't do you any good.* | *Politicians can claim until they are blue in the face that students have never had it so good, but the fact is, they cannot justify those claims.*

## usually

### RELATED WORDS

- opposite: **unusual**
- ▶ a situation or behaviour that is not unusual  
see **normal/ordinary**
  - ▶ see also **often, always, typical, habit, in general**

#### 1 ways of saying that something usually happens

- ▶ **usually/generally**
- ▶ **normally**
- ▶ **as a (general) rule**
- ▶ **nine times out of ten**
- ▶ **routinely**
- ▶ **typically**

**usually/generally** /'ju:ʒuəli, 'dʒenərəli/ [adv] *I don't know where Jack is – he's usually home by this time.* | *Wolves usually hunt in packs.* | *What's come over Jim? He isn't usually this grumpy.* | *The sea here is generally calm.* | *Generally, these small stores do not keep fresh meat or vegetables.* | *We're generally finished by about 4:30.*

**normally** /'nɔ:rməli/ [adv] on most occasions, unless something unusual happens: *The museum isn't normally as crowded as this.* | *His normally cheerful face looked sad for a moment.*

**as a (general) rule** /əz ə (,dʒenərəl) 'ru:l/ [adv] use this to say what usually happens: *As a general rule, the police may only enter your house if you invite them in.* | *We do not, as a rule, provide funds for this type of project.*



**nine times out of ten** /ˌnaɪn taɪmz aʊt əv 'ten/ [adv] almost always: *Nine times out of ten I just skip breakfast and have a coffee.* | *Nine times out of ten, jobs that become vacant are filled from inside the organization.*

**routinely** /ruː'tiːnli/ [adv] if something is **routinely** done, tested, checked etc, it is usually done as part of the normal process of working, doing a job etc: *The cars are routinely tested for safety and reliability before leaving the factory.* | *We routinely test patients for high blood pressure and diabetes.* | *It later emerged that prisoners at the camp were routinely tortured, and many executed.*

**typically** /'tɪpɪkli/ [adv] in the way that a particular type of thing usually happens, for example what type of person is usually involved, what group something usually affects etc: *Victims of mugging are typically young men in their early 20s.* | *This disease typically affects young cattle.* | *Typically, gasoline taxes are used to fund road-building programs.*

## 2 in the same way as things usually happen

▶ as usual

▶ as per usual

▶ as ever/as always

**as usual** /əz 'juːʒuəl/ [adv] in the same way as things usually happen: *Sam was in a bad mood as usual.* | *There will be discounts available for students as usual.* | *As usual, there was far too much food.*

**as ever/as always** British /like always American informal /əz 'evə, əz 'ɔːlweɪz, laɪk 'ɔːlweɪz/ [adv] spoken use this to say that something is not surprising because it is what almost always happens: *Jim was the first to arrive, as always.* | *As ever, her work has been excellent this term.* | *When he arrived he stank of whiskey and tobacco, like always.*

**as per usual** /,æz pər 'juːʒuəl/ [adv] British spoken say this when you are annoyed because something bad that usually happens has just happened again: *I'm in trouble at work, as per usual.* | *She was three hours late as per usual.* | *He said he'd phone, but he won't. As per usual!*

## 3 usual

▶ usual

▶ routine

▶ normal

▶ same old

▶ be the norm

▶ stock

▶ customary

**usual** /'juːʒuəl, 'juːʒəl/ [adj] use this about something that usually happens or something that someone usually does or uses: *She was sitting in her usual chair by the fire.* | *All the usual people were there.* | **colder/better/slower etc than usual** *It seemed colder than usual in the house.* | *We've sold more than the usual amount of coal this year.* | **it is usual for sb to do sth** *Is it usual for him to be so late?*

**normal** /'nɔːrmə/ [adj] someone's **normal** behaviour or habit is what they usually do in a particular situation: *She went to bed at her normal time of eleven o'clock.* | *It used to be normal practice to live at home with your parents until you got married.* | **+ for** *Don't worry if Mike seemed rude – that's normal for him.* | **be normal for sb to do sth** *It's normal for young children to misbehave sometimes.*

**be the norm** /biː ðə 'nɔːr/ [v phrase] to be the thing that most people do or think: *Going to church on Sunday used to be the norm in most households.* | *In the building industry, short-term employment con-*

*tracts are the norm.* | *Smoking is no longer the norm but the exception.*

**customary** /'kʌstəməri/-meri/ [adj] usually done on a particular occasion or at a particular time of year: *We were presented with the customary bottle of champagne.* | **it is customary to do sth** *It's customary to kiss the bride at a wedding.* | **as is customary** *As is customary, you will be paid a fixed fee for the job.*

**routine** /ruː'tiːn/ [adj] something that is **routine** is done as part of the normal process of working, doing a job etc: *A major electrical fault was found during a routine safety inspection.* | *The hospital carried out some routine tests.* | *Do you mind if I ask you a few questions? It's just routine.*

**same old** /'seɪm əʊld/ [adj phrase only before noun] informal use this about something that you have seen or heard many times before: *They always come up with the same old excuses for why they can't deliver on time.* | *They still sing the same old songs, but the audiences love it!* | **the same old story** (=use this when it is annoying that the same thing always happens) *It's always the same old story. They're two or three goals up, and then they relax and end up losing.*

**stock** /stɒk||stɑːk/ [adj only before noun] **stock** phrases, questions, answers, excuses etc are the ones that people usually use – use this about phrases, questions etc that have been used so often that they are no longer effective: *Her speech contained all the stock phrases about increasing productivity and reducing costs.* | *The same questions seem to be asked every time, and he gives his stock answers.*

## 4 what people usually do

▶ habit

▶ standard practice

▶ routine

**habit** /'hæbɪt/ [n C] something that you do regularly without thinking about it, because you have done it so many times before: *My father had some rather strange habits, like reading the newspaper in the bath.* | **be in the habit of doing sth** *She was in the habit of taking a walk in the early evening.* | **not be in the habit of doing sth** *I'm not in the habit of going to bars during the day.* | **get into the habit of doing sth** *He had got into the habit of phoning home during the day.*

**routine** /ruː'tiːn/ [n C] a series of things that someone usually does in the same order, especially when it is the same every day: *His routine consisted of work, dinner, then TV and bed.* | *Most babies soon develop a daily routine of eating and sleeping.* | *She does not like having her work routine interrupted.*

**standard practice** /,stændərd 'præktɪs/ [n U] the way that something is usually done in a particular situation or within a particular organization: *Checking police records of new staff is standard practice these days.* | **it is standard practice (for sb) to do sth** *In the 1930s, it was standard practice for workers to have seven days' holiday a year.* | *It's standard practice for the architects and builders to haggle over costs.*



# Vv

## value

the amount of money that something is worth

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **cost**, **expensive**, **cheap**

## 1 what the value of something is

▶ **value**

▶ **be worth**

▶ **be valued at**

**value** /'vælju:/ [n C/U] the amount of money that something expensive, rare, or old would cost if it was sold – use this to talk about things like houses, cars, jewellery, paintings, or furniture + **of** *The value of the sculpture was estimated at \$500,000.* | **increase/fall in value** *Some fine wines increase in value as they get older.*

**be worth** /bi: 'wɜ:θ/ [v phrase] if something is worth £1, £10, \$100 etc, that is how much money it would cost if it was sold: *How much is your ring worth?* | **be worth \$500/£10 etc** *I guess their house must be worth about £500,000.* | *That old piano can't be worth more than \$200.*

**be valued at** /bi: 'vælju:d æt/ [v phrase] to have a particular value, especially a very high value which has been calculated: *As a wedding present he gave her some pearls valued at \$350,000.* | *They have a classic car which has been valued at a higher price than they paid for it.* | *At current market prices their holding in the company is valued at over \$25 million.*

## 2 worth a lot of money

▶ **valuable**

▶ **of great value**

▶ **be worth a lot**

▶ **be worth a fortune**

▶ **precious**

▶ **priceless**

**valuable** /'væljuəbəl, -jəbəl/ [adj] worth a lot of money and expensive to buy or replace: *Don't lose this ring – it's very valuable.* | *Besides her studio apartment, she also owns a valuable estate in Italy.* | *Rogers had purchased a valuable Hebrew manuscript from a dealer in Jerusalem.*

**of great value** /əv ,gret 'vælju:/ [adj phrase] something that is **of great value** is worth a lot of money, especially a personal possession such as a work of art or a piece of jewellery: *He has a few medals of great value.* | *The burglars stole the television and video, but nothing of great value.*

**be worth a lot** /bi: ,wɜ:θ ə 'lɒt/ [v phrase] informal if something is **worth a lot**, you can get a lot of money if you sell it: *You should look after those old dolls – one day they could be worth a lot.*

**be worth a fortune** /bi: ,wɜ:θ ə 'fɔ:rtʃən/ [v phrase] if something is **worth a fortune** it is worth a very large amount of money: *He was very poor when he died, but now his paintings are worth a fortune.*

**precious** /'preʃəs/ [adj only before noun] **precious metal/stone** a valuable metal such as gold or a jewel such as a diamond: *The robe was encrusted with precious metals and stones.*

**priceless** /'praɪsləs/ [adj] worth so much money

that it is impossible to calculate the price – use this about objects that are old and rare such as paintings, furniture, or jewellery: *The house was full of priceless antiques.* | *a priceless oil painting*

## 3 valuable objects or possessions

▶ **valuables**

▶ **treasures**

**valuables** /'væljuəbəlz, -jəbəlz/ [n plural] valuable personal possessions such as jewellery, cameras, and important documents: *The hotel management advises guests to deposit their valuables in the hotel safe.* | *Thieves will take any bags, wallets, and other valuables they can find.*

**treasures** /'treʒərz/ [n C] very valuable works of art, especially ones that are very old: *The exhibition shows treasures from ancient China.* | **art treasures** *Some of Spain's most valuable art treasures are housed in El Prado.*

## 4 to decide what the value of something is

▶ **value**

**value** British /**appraise** American /'vælju:, ə'preɪz/ [v T] to decide what the **value** of something is, especially when it is your job to do this: *He works for an antique firm, valuing furniture.* | *The apartment was appraised, and Stephen gave Julie a check for half the amount.* | **value/appraise sth at \$100/\$500 etc** *The builder valued the work already done at \$400.* | **have sth valued/appraised** (=get a professional person to value it for you) *Those silver bowls could be worth a lot of money – you ought to have them appraised.* — **valuation** /'vælju'eɪʃən/ British /**appraisal** American [n U] *I took the ring to a shop for valuation.* — **valuer** British /**appraiser** American [n C] *The valuer (=person whose job is to value things) said the plate was worth £500.*

## 5 to become more valuable

▶ **increase/rise/go up in value**

▶ **appreciate**

▶ **double/triple in value**

**increase/rise/go up in value** /ɪn,kri:s, ,raɪz, gəʊ ,ʌp ɪn 'vælju:/ [v phrase] *They bought a Ferrari knowing that it would increase in value.* | *Through clever marketing, the shares have gone up in value quite quickly.* | *The pound has risen in value against the yen over the weekend.*

**appreciate** /ə'pri:ʃiət/ [v I] to become gradually more valuable over a period of time: *This property has appreciated rapidly during the last ten years.* | *Most investments are still expected to appreciate at a steady rate.*

**double/triple in value** /ˌdʌbəl, ,tripəl ɪn 'vælju:/ [v phrase] to become two or three times more valuable: *Fortunately, when I sold my apartment it had almost doubled in value since I bought it.* | *Production of iron and steel more than tripled in value during the 1950s.*

## 6 to become less valuable

▶ **fall/decrease/go down in value**

▶ **depreciate**

**fall/decrease/go down in value** /fɔ:l, dɪ,kri:s, gəʊ ,daʊn ɪn 'vælju:/ [v phrase] *Gold and silver have*



gone down in value. | Most European currencies fell in value yesterday.

**depreciate** /di'pri:ʃiənt/ [v I] to become gradually less valuable over a period of time: A new car depreciates more quickly than a second-hand one. | US investors anticipate that the Deutschmark will, in the long term, depreciate relative to the dollar. — **depreciation** /di'pri:ʃi'eɪʃən/ [n U] The price of the equipment must reflect depreciation.

## 7 without any value

▶ **worthless**

▶ **not be worth anything**

**worthless** /'wɜ:θləs/ [adj] When he died, all my uncle left me was a worthless plot of land. | The jewellery turned out to be completely worthless. | I'm afraid this banknote is a forgery; it's just a worthless piece of paper.

**not be worth anything** /nɒt bi: 'wɜ:θ ɪniθɪŋ/ [v phrase] to have no value: I don't think my stereo is worth anything now, but it was quite expensive when I bought it.

# various/of different kinds

## RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **different, lot**

## 1 words for describing things or people that are of different kinds

▶ **different**

▶ **various**

▶ **a variety of sth**

▶ **differing**

▶ **varying**

▶ **an assortment of sth**

▶ **assorted**

▶ **a mix of sth**

▶ **a mixture of sth**

**different** /'dɪfərənt/ [adj only before noun] use this about several people or things of the same general type, when you are comparing them with each other and noticing the differences between them: His hair was dyed in at least three different colors. | I always check the prices of different brands before I make a major purchase. | The drug affects different people in different ways. | The word can have completely different meanings depending on the context.

**various** /'veəriəs/ [adj only before noun] use this when you want to emphasize that there are several different people or things: The study evaluates various methods of weight loss. | The committee has asked various people for their opinions. | I had to sign various documents before they would let me into the country.

**a variety of sth** /ə və'raɪəti əv (sth)/ [n phrase] especially written a lot of things that are different from each other, but of the same general type: Children do badly at school for a variety of reasons. | The reef fishes display an almost endless variety of colors and patterns. | **a wide variety of sth** (=a large variety) The college offers a wide variety of language courses.

**differing** /'dɪfərɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] different from each other, especially very different in degree, amount, character etc: We aim to satisfy the differing needs of our customers. | Survivors sustained injuries with differing degrees of severity. | **widely**

**differing** There are widely differing views among community leaders on how best to deal with the homeless issue.

**varying** /'veəriŋ/ [adj only before noun] different from each other in degree, amount, condition etc: The program teaches children of varying ages. | It is now possible to grow satisfactory crops under varying climatic conditions. | **varying degrees/levels/amounts etc of sth** She has tried numerous diets with varying degrees of success. | Test-takers must complete ten tasks with varying levels of complexity.

**an assortment of sth** /ən ə'sɔ:rtmənt əv (sth)/ [n phrase] several things that are of the same general kind but are not all exactly alike: Police confiscated an assortment of weapons from the gang. | Every good cook needs an assortment of knives for different jobs in the kitchen. | The basket contained an assortment of sandwiches, cheese, and fruit.

**assorted** /ə'sɔ:rtɪd/ [adj only before noun] various things of the same general kind, all together in the same place – often used about products: In the centre of the table was a plate of assorted biscuits. | a box of assorted bandages | The website contains links to assorted investment sites.

**a mix of sth** /ə 'mɪks əv (sth)/ [n phrase] an interesting or useful variety of different people or things: The ideal lesson contains a good mix of activities and subjects. | A mix of young people and old people attended the meeting. | The band's music is an exciting mix of jazz, swing, and rock 'n' roll.

**a mixture of sth** /ə 'mɪkstʃər əv (sth)/ [n phrase] a variety of people or things, especially when they have been deliberately chosen to be together: The film is largely a mixture of music, dance, and comedy. | Indonesian civilization is an extreme mixture of races, religions, and cultures. | Yiddish is a dialect of German with a mixture of Polish and Hebrew added.

## 2 words for describing things or people of many different kinds

▶ **all sorts/kinds of sth**

▶ **diverse**

▶ **all manner of sth**

▶ **from/in all walks of life**

**all sorts/kinds of sth** /ɔ:l 'sɔ:rts, 'kamdz əv (sth)/ [n phrase] especially spoken a lot of people or things that are different from each other, but of the same general type: I meet all sorts of people in my job. | The bureau provides advice on all kinds of housing problems. | My landlady has all kinds of junky stuff in the basement. | Pregnancy causes all sorts of hormonal changes in your body.

**diverse** /daɪ'vɜ:rs/ dɪ-, daɪ-/ [adj] very different from each other, though belonging to the same group or being connected in some way: Indian cinema shows several diverse influences. | It is difficult to design a program that will meet the diverse needs of all our users. | The category of 'mammals' contains creatures as diverse as whales, elephants, and human beings. — **diversity** [n U] The diversity of languages among our schoolkids should be seen as a benefit, and not as a disadvantage.

**all manner of sth** /ɔ:l 'mænər əv (sth)/ [n phrase] many very different or surprisingly different kinds of things: All manner of foodstuffs lay scattered on the kitchen table. | Health food stores promote all manner of herbs to prevent colds.

**from/in all walks of life** /frəm, ɪn ɔ:l wɔ:ks əv 'laɪf/ [adj phrase] from or in every kind of job and every social class: Members of the organization



come from all walks of life. | The Internet has affected the everyday existence of children and adults in all walks of life. | Golf used to be a game for the rich, but now it attracts people from all walks of life.

### 3 including many different people, things, activities etc

- ▶ varied
- ▶ variety
- ▶ diverse
- ▶ wide-ranging
- ▶ mixed
- ▶ multicultural/multiracial

**varied** /'veərið/ [adj] consisting of or including many different people, things, activities etc: *He had a varied and outstanding career.* | *Grain products, vegetables, and fruit are important parts of a varied diet.* | *Sandra's circle of friends was varied, and often a little strange.*

**variety** /və'raɪəti/ [n U] the differences within a group, set of actions etc that make it interesting: *She's always complaining that her job doesn't have enough variety.* | *The music on her latest CD shows a great deal of variety.* | + **of** *The doctor encouraged him to increase the variety of food that he eats.*

**diverse** /daɪ'vɜːrs/ [adj] a diverse group of people or things contains a lot of very different types of people or things: *The project studied a diverse group of 20,000 teenagers from nine high schools.* | *We believe the committee should reflect the diverse make-up of our community.* | *The region's economy is more diverse now than it was 10 years ago.*

**wide-ranging** /waɪd 'reɪndʒɪŋ/ [adj] including many different subjects, ideas, or things: *Climate change is likely to have a wide-ranging impact on human health.* | *Our discussions were wide-ranging and substantive.* | *A wide-ranging survey found growing dissatisfaction among workers.*

**mixed** /mɪkst/ [adj usually before noun] including two or more different things of the same type, or people of different types, mixed together: *The show draws a mixed audience of children and adults.* | *After beating the cake mixture, add a handful of mixed nuts.* | *This is a very mixed neighborhood, both racially and socially.*

**multicultural/multiracial** /ˌmʌlti'kʌltʃərəl/ [adj usually before noun] including or concerning people of different races or religions, especially those who live together in the same society, go to the same schools etc: *Most of today's teachers are committed to multicultural education.* | *He grew up in a multiracial area in London's East End.* | *Government policies should reflect the multiracial nature of our society.*

### 4 seeming to be together for no particular reason

- ▶ miscellaneous
- ▶ motley
- ▶ mixed bag
- ▶ this, that, and the other

**miscellaneous** /ˌmɪsə'leɪniəs/ [adj only before noun] You'll need enough money for food, transport, and other miscellaneous costs. | *Their junk shop was full of chairs, trunks, ornaments, and other miscellaneous objects.* | *The seminar was attended by a miscellaneous collection of students, businessmen, and housewives.*

**motley** /'mɒtli/ [adj only before noun] **motley crew/bunch/assortment etc** a group of people of very different kinds, especially people that you dis-

approve of: *The people who travelled with us to Mexico were a motley crew.* | *A motley bunch of students, ex-convicts and unemployed artists worked together to repair the building.*

**mixed bag** /ˌmɪkst 'bæg/ [n singular] informal a group of people or things of very different kinds which do not seem to have much connection with each other: *Downtown is a mixed bag of upscale retailers and discount stores.* | *Today, healthcare depends on a mixed bag of medical professionals, charity workers, and patients' families.*

**this, that, and the other** <sup>ALSO</sup> **this, that, and the other thing** American /ˌðɪs, ˌðæt, ən ði 'ʌðər, ˌðɪs, ˌðæt, ən ði 'ʌðər θɪŋ/ [n phrase] spoken say this about a variety of things that someone says or does: *We spent the evening chatting about this, that, and the other.* | *The casting agents always want me to prove that I can do this, that, and the other thing.*

### 5 a set of different things of the same general type

- ▶ a range of sth
- ▶ spectrum
- ▶ selection
- ▶ gamut

**a range of sth** /ə 'reɪndʒ əv (sth)/ [n phrase] a set of many different things of the same general type that are available in the same place for the same use: *She has an interesting range of hobbies, from stamp-collecting to astronomy.* | **a wide/broad range of sth** *Atkins is extremely well educated and able to talk on a broad range of topics.* | *It was difficult to choose from such a wide range of dishes on the menu.*

**spectrum** /'spektrəm/ [n C usually singular] a complete range of different types of things or people, especially when those at one end of the range are the opposite of those at the other end + **of** *The spectrum of protest activity goes from peaceful to extremely violent.* | **broad/wide/whole/entire spectrum** *Their songs appeal to a broad spectrum of music lovers.* | *You can find therapists along the whole spectrum, from caring and honest to cool and manipulative.* | **at one end/the other end of the spectrum** *At one end of the spectrum were the Communists, and at the other, the Nationalists.* | **political spectrum** (=range of political opinions) *The announcement has upset people all across the political spectrum.*

**selection** /sɪˈlekʃən/ [n C] a number of different things of the same kind that are available for you to choose or use: *Customers are invited to view the selection at any time.* | + **of** *The library also has a selection of foreign language videos on the third floor.* | **wide/broad selection** *The shop offers a wide selection of glasses frames to choose from.*

**gamut** /'gæmət/ [n singular] a complete range of every possible emotion, problem, experience etc + **of** *'Fear' is a word that covers a gamut of different feelings.* | **a/the whole gamut** *Alternative therapies have been successful with a whole gamut of health problems.* | *New mothers can experience the whole gamut of emotions, from intense joy to deep depression.* | **run the gamut** *Lodgings run the gamut from rustic cabins to plush hotels.*

### 6 to start to get involved in new activities

- ▶ branch out
- ▶ diversify

**branch out** /ˌbrɑːntʃ 'aʊt/ [phr v I] *When you don't allow employees to branch out, they become bored.* | *The clothing designer has branched out and*



now has his name on a line of perfume. | **+ into** Many businesses are unwilling to branch out into new and unfamiliar areas.

**diversify** /dar'vɜːsɪfaɪdʒ-, dar-/ [v] if a business or organization **diversifies**, it begins to make new products or get involved in new areas of business in addition to what it was doing before: *The company is diversifying to find new sources of income.* | **+ into** *We started out making cash registers, but have diversified into computer systems of all sorts.*

## 7 to make something different and more varied

▶ vary

▶ add variety to

**vary** /'veəri/ [v T] To obtain the nutrients you need, *vary the foods you eat.* | *Good writers vary the length and structure of their sentences.*

**add variety to** /,æd və'raɪəti tu:/ [v phrase] to make something more varied, especially in order to make it more interesting: *Tutoring younger students can add variety to older students' days, and make them feel important.* | *Bartlett argued that billboards add color and variety to our city streets.*

## vertical

a vertical line or surface goes straight up or down

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ flat

▶ see also **up**

## 1 standing, pointing, or moving straight up or down

▶ vertical

▶ upright

▶ straight up

▶ perpendicular

▶ erect

▶ sheer

**vertical** /'vɜːrtɪkəl/ [adj] *The wallpaper has vertical pink and white stripes.* | *In some places the cliff was almost vertical, and much too dangerous to climb.* | *The vertical line on the graph represents the time taken, and the horizontal line represents the distance travelled.* | *a fairground ride that ends with a vertical drop of a hundred feet* — **vertically** [adv] *a sheet of paper divided vertically into two*

**upright** /'ʌp-raɪt/ [adv] in a vertical position  
**sit/stand upright** *The ceiling was so low that he couldn't stand upright.* | **hold/keep sth upright** *Keep the bottle upright, in case it leaks.* | *She sat quietly, her violin held upright in her lap.*

**straight up** /streɪt 'ʌp/ [adv] in a vertical direction, into or towards the sky **point/rise/travel etc straight up** *The rocket shot straight up and exploded overhead.* | *The towers of the hospital rose straight up from the edge of the highway.* | *A thin crack running straight up the wall had appeared.* | *At this point, the base of the golf club should point straight up into the air.*

**perpendicular** /,pɜː'rpen'dɪkjʊlə/ [adj] perfectly vertical in relation to the ground, or in relation to another line – used especially in technical contexts: *Behind them, there was a perpendicular wall of rock.* | *Ensure that the plumbline is perpendicular before you start to draw the line.* | **+ to** (=at an angle of 90 degrees to another line or surface) *In a graph, the x-axis is perpendicular to the y-axis.*

**erect** /'rekt/ [adj] in a very straight, stiff, vertical position: *The headstones were all erect and orderly.* | *The rabbit looked all around, with its ears erect.* | **sit/stand/walk etc erect** *The magistrate sat there, stern and erect, as the charge was read out.* | *She holds her head erect, with her blonde curls falling down her back.*

**sheer** /ʃɪə/ [adj only before noun] a **sheer** surface or slope is very steep, almost vertical **sheer cliff/drop/slope etc** *The coastguard patrols paths at the top of high and sheer cliffs.* | *I stood at the edge of the old chalk quarry, with a sheer drop of ten or twenty metres below me.*

## 2 to put something into a vertical position

▶ stand up

▶ stand sth on end

**stand up** /,stænd 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to put something into a vertical position, especially when this is its usual position **stand sth up** *Tom stood the statue up and looked at it.* | *Stand the wine bottle up for a few hours in a warm place before drinking.* | **stand up sth** *The bartender had to go round standing up all the stools that had been knocked down in the fight.*

**stand sth on end** /,stænd (sth) ɒn 'end/ [v phrase] to put something in a vertical position, when this is not its usual position: *We had to stand the table on end to get it through the door.*

## very

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **completely, too/too much, fairly/quite**

## 1 very

▶ very

▶ really

▶ highly

▶ deeply

▶ real

▶ so

▶ one

▶ decidedly

▶ quite

**very** /'veri/ [adv] *Juan is a very good dancer.* | *Your house is very different from the way I'd imagined it.* | *'Was it a good movie?' 'Yes, very.'* | *This meeting is very important, so be on time.* | *During our time working together I got to know her very well.* | *Everything was happening very quickly, and I don't remember it all.* | *The ambassador made a brief statement, saying that the talks had been very productive.*

**really** /'riəli/ [adv] especially spoken use this especially to talk about your feelings or what you think about something: *It's really cold out there.* | *I'm always really hungry by noon.* | *That's a really pretty dress – where did you get it?* | *Considering this was your first time, I think you did really well.*

**highly** /'haɪli/ [adv] formal very – use this only with particular adjectives **highly dangerous/toxic/flammable** *Danger: highly flammable materials!* | **highly skilled/educated/ trained/intelligent** *Our engineers are highly skilled and very difficult to replace when they leave.* | **highly likely/unlikely/probable/doubtful/suspicious** *I think it's highly unlikely that Bob had anything to do with the theft.* | **highly successful/productive** *She arrived in Australia as a refugee, but went on to become a highly successful lawyer.*



**deeply** /'di:pli/ [adv] use this to describe very strong or very sincere feelings: *We are all deeply saddened by Bill's sudden death.* | *The ceremony was short but deeply moving.* | *Senator McCain is deeply committed to campaign finance reform.* | *I want you to know how deeply grateful I am for everything you've done for me.* | *Local residents are deeply concerned about the threat to health posed by the power station.*

**real** /ri:əl/ [adv] American spoken very: *I think it was real sweet that she called me herself.* | *The sidewalk was real wet and slippery.* | *He got up real close to the bear and took a picture.*

**so** /səʊ/ [adv] use this to emphasize how you feel about something: *It all happened so fast.* | *You've been so kind. I hope I can repay you some day.* | *The dresses were lovely, and the colours were so pretty.* | *That puppy is so cute!*

**one** /wʌn/ [determiner] especially American, spoken use this to emphasize a description of someone or something: *She's one crazy lady!* | *That's one fancy car you've got there.*

**decidedly** /drɪ'saɪdɪdli/ [adj] definitely or in a way that is easily noticed: *The weather had turned decidedly chilly.* | *The play has received decidedly negative reviews.*

**quite** /kwɑ:t/ [adv] especially British use this with words that mean 'excellent': *Thank you, Gloria. That meal was quite delicious!* | *The concert was quite wonderful. I'm sorry you couldn't make it.*

## 2 extremely

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| ▶ extremely                     | ▶ ridiculously             |
| ▶ absolutely                    | ▶ enormously/hugely        |
| ▶ awfully/terribly/terrifically | ▶ dreadfully               |
| ▶ very, very                    | ▶ remarkably/exceptionally |
| ▶ incredibly/unbelievably       |                            |

**extremely** /ɪk'stri:mli/ [adv] especially written use this when you want to use a stronger word than 'very': *The conference was extremely badly organized.* | *The fungus is extremely difficult to get rid of.* | *Regular visits to the doctor are extremely important for pregnant mothers.*

**absolutely** /'æbsəlu:tli, 'æbsə'lu:tli/ [adv] as much as it is possible to imagine – use this to emphasize adjectives that already have a strong meaning **absolutely marvellous/wonderful/delicious etc** *We had an absolutely marvellous day.* | *The costumes were absolutely stunning.* | **absolutely filthy/disgusting/awful etc** *When they came in from the yard, they were absolutely filthy.* | **absolutely terrified/exhausted/delighted/furious etc** *She stood in the middle of the stage looking absolutely terrified.* | **absolutely necessary/essential** *Don't call me unless it's absolutely necessary.*

**awfully/terribly/terrifically** /'ɔ:fəli, 'terɪbli, tə'rɪfɪkli/ [adv] spoken extremely: *Our Internet connection is awfully slow today.* | *He's been terribly ill for the last two weeks.* | *The plot is terrifically complicated and difficult to follow.* | *That box looks awfully heavy – are you sure you don't need any help?*

**very, very** /'veri veri/ [adv] spoken say this when you want to emphasize 'very': *I'm very, very angry with her.* | *This is a very, very important decision – please give it your full attention.* | *We've been working on this deal for a very, very long time.*

**incredibly/unbelievably** /ɪn'kredɪbli, ʌnbɪ'li:vəbli/ [adv] use this when something is so good, so

bad, so fast etc that you are surprised by it or you find it hard to believe: *Everyone in the company works incredibly hard.* | *Their house is incredibly cold – I don't think they heat it at all.* | *What they did was unbelievably stupid.* | *The apartment is unbelievably cheap – there must be something wrong with it.*

**ridiculously** /rɪ'dɪkjʊləsli/ [adv] use this to emphasize how unreasonable or stupid something is: *The questions seemed ridiculously easy.* | *The amount they offered for the car was ridiculously low.*

**enormously/hugely** /ɪ'nɔ:rməsli, 'hju:dʒli/ [adv] use this especially to emphasize how popular, successful, or powerful someone or something is: *Barry's novels have been hugely successful.* | *'The Wizard of Oz' remains enormously popular with children.* | *Davis plays an enormously influential role in city politics.*

**dreadfully** /'dredfəli/ [adv] British use this to emphasize how bad something is, or how sad or unhappy someone is: *You must be dreadfully disappointed!* | *Dreadfully overcrowded trains and frequent cancellations made commuting an ordeal.*

**remarkably/exceptionally** /rɪ'mɑ:kəbli, ɪk'sepʃənəli/ [adv] use this to emphasize how unusual, impressive, or surprising something is: *Mills' predictions turned out to be remarkably accurate.* | *The old documents are remarkably well preserved.* | *Nadine's daughter has an exceptionally fine singing voice.* | *The heavy soil of the delta produces exceptionally high yields of rice and millet.*

## violent

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **cruel, dangerous, fight, attack, kill, threaten, hit, crime**

## 1 people and their behaviour

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| ▶ violent    | ▶ savage    |
| ▶ brutal     | ▶ ferocious |
| ▶ aggressive | ▶ rough     |
| ▶ vicious    |             |

**violent** /'vaɪələnt/ [adj] someone who is **violent** attacks people physically, especially because this is part of their character. A **violent** action involves physical attacks on people: *My father was a violent man who couldn't control his temper.* | *There was a violent protest outside the court, and a police officer was injured.* | **violent crime** *Everyone is worried about the increase in violent crime.* | **turn violent** (=suddenly start to behave violently) *Travellers to the country have been urged to avoid large crowds, which have occasionally turned violent in the past.* — **violently** [adv] *He was violently attacked by a gang of youths.*

**brutal** /'bru:təl/ [adj] very cruel and violent, and without any pity: *The police are searching for the brutal attacker of a 98-year-old woman.* | *Some of the prison guards were brutal and corrupt.* | *a brutal dictator* | **brutal murder/attack/killing etc** *Carter was jailed for the brutal murder of a young mother of three.* — **brutally** [adv] *The boy's body was found on wasteland, brutally stabbed to death.*

**aggressive** /ə'gresɪv/ [adj] someone who is **aggressive** behaves in an angry way, and seems to want to fight or argue, often when this is a part of their character: *Some of the crowd were very aggressive, shouting and banging on windows.* | *Kids who*



play violent video games show much more aggressive behaviour than those who don't. — **aggressively** [adv] The driver of the truck leant out of the window and yelled at me aggressively.

**vicious** /'viʃəs/ [adj] someone who is **vicious** is violent and dangerous and seems to enjoy hurting people for no reason: We found ourselves surrounded by a gang of vicious young thugs, armed with belts, sticks and stones. | 'It was a particularly vicious crime,' a police spokesman said. | **vicious attack/assault** Apparently the girl was the victim of a vicious sex attack. — **visciously** [adv] The baby had been viciously battered to death.

**savage** /'sævidʒ/ [adj] hurting people in a particularly cruel way: Police are hunting the savage killer of five men in South London. | There was savage fighting in and around the eastern border towns. | Fussell described the war as 'appallingly cruel and savage.' — **savagely** [adv] It is alleged that Davies savagely attacked Mrs Cousins with a knife.

**ferocious** /fə'rəʊʃəs/ [adj] a **ferocious** attack or fight is extremely violent: It was one of the most ferocious attacks on prison officers I have ever seen. | Defence lawyers claimed that the shooting was a spontaneous reaction, ferocious, but not part of a plan. — **ferociously** [adv] The boy fought ferociously.

**rough** /rʌf/ [adj] using force or violence but not causing serious injury: Some of the boys were being a bit rough with the younger kids. | **rough treatment/handling** The hostages received some rough treatment during their long period of captivity. | The police have been criticized for their rough handling of the demonstrators. — **roughly** [adv] A man on the subway grabbed her roughly, asking for money.

## 2 a violent person

- ▶ **thug**
- ▶ **brute**
- ▶ **hooligan**
- ▶ **psychopath**

▶ see also **bad, crazy**

**thug** /θʌg/ [n C] a man, especially a criminal, who has rough manners and uses violent methods: A policeman is fighting for his life after young thugs threw a brick through his patrol car windscreen. | A gang of thugs was waiting for him round the back. He didn't have a chance.

**brute** /bru:t/ [n C] if you call a man a **brute**, you mean he is cruel and violent and does not care if he hurts people: She spun round and screamed, 'Leave him alone, you brute!' | **a brute of a man** Milly had a husband – a great brute of a man who knocked her about.

**hooligan** ALSO **hoodlum** American /'hu:lɪgən, 'hu:d-ləm/ [n C] a violent young man, often a member of a group, who enjoys causing damage and hurting people, especially in public places: According to the report, the riots had been started by a group of young hoodlums. | Football hooligans caused over £30,000 of damage in bars and restaurants near the stadium. | His father was attacked by a gang of hooligans in a back street.

**psychopath** /'saɪkəpæθ/ [n C] a mentally ill person who behaves violently and kills people, and is unable to feel sorry: Police described the killer as a psychopath. | The main character in the movie is Dr Hannibal Lector, who displays all the characteristics of a psychopath.

## 3 animals

- ▶ **fierce**
- ▶ **vicious**
- ▶ **savage**
- ▶ **ferocious**

**fierce** /fiərs/ [adj] a **fierce** animal looks very frightening and is ready to attack people: The dog was standing at the gate, looking fierce and growling. | Swans are always fierce in defence of their young. — **fiercely** [adv] The female spider often reacts fiercely to the male's advances.

**vicious** /'viʃəs/ [adj] a **vicious** animal is likely to attack and cause injury, often suddenly and for no reason: Keep away from that horse – he can be vicious. | Rottweilers are vicious dogs, far too dangerous to have as pets. — **viciously** [adv] I put out my hand to stroke the cat but it spat at me viciously.

**savage** /'sævidʒ/ [adj] violent in a completely uncontrolled way, and always ready to attack: They caught the monkey, but it was so savage that no one could get near enough to feed it. | At night, packs of savage dogs roamed the streets. — **savagely** [adv] The dog snarled savagely as soon as we came near.

**ferocious** /fə'rəʊʃəs/ [adj] violent and frighteningly powerful, and so able to cause great harm: The tiger is a ferocious beast which has already killed ten villagers. | These bears look ferocious, but attacks by them are extremely rare. — **ferociously** [adv] The eagle tears at its prey ferociously with its beak.

## 4 stories, films etc

- ▶ **violent**
- ▶ **gory**

**violent** /'vaɪələnt/ [adj] **violent** films, stories, or television programmes contain a lot of fighting and killing: I think Tarantino's films are too violent. | Do violent programmes and video games really cause people to become more aggressive?

**gory** /'gɔ:ri/ [adj] **gory** films, descriptions etc clearly show or describe violent injuries, blood, death etc: The book's descriptions of the killings were unbelievably gory. | a gory horror movie

## 5 violent behaviour

- ▶ **violence**
- ▶ **aggression**
- ▶ **brutality**
- ▶ **savagery**
- ▶ **ferocity**
- ▶ **force**

**violence** /'vaɪələns/ [n U] fighting, killing, and other violent behaviour: In some parts of the city, teachers have to deal with violence in the classroom. | complaints about sex and violence on TV | + **against** The statistics show that male violence against women is widespread.

**aggression** /ə'ɡresʃən/ [n U] angry feelings or behaviour that often results in fighting: In a prison, drugs sometimes have to be used to control aggression. | + **in** Some people think that aggression in children may be caused by the food they eat. | + **towards/toward** Low-ranking male chimpanzees eat with the dominant females, who show no aggression towards them.

**brutality** /bru:'tælɪti/ [n U] deliberately cruel and violent behaviour that shows no pity for the person who is injured or killed: Civil rights activists were appalled by the brutality of the police. | **mindless brutality** (=used to emphasize that there is no good reason for a violent action) The killings were an act of mindless brutality.



**savagery** /'sævɪdʒəri/ [n U] extreme and uncontrolled violence in which people are attacked and killed: *Thompson condemned the murder as 'an appalling attack of savagery'.* | *The book tells of the boys' rapid descent into savagery, and the use of torture and terror.*

**ferocity** /fə'rɒsɪtɪ||fə'rɑː-/ [n U] extreme violence in fighting or in attacking someone: *Further attacks escalated rapidly in extent and ferocity.* | **the ferocity of sth** *The knife had snapped in two from the ferocity of the attack.* | *The ferocity of the piranha fish has made it famous.*

**force** /fɔːrs/ [n U] violent action, used in order to make someone do something: *We want to end the demonstration without force.* | **use force** *The police do not use force when arresting people unless it's absolutely necessary.* | **by force** (=using force) *Her husband tried to get the children back by force.*

## 6 a violent situation

- ▶ riot
- ▶ disturbance
- ▶ unrest

**riot** /'raɪət/ [n C] a situation in which a large crowd of people is behaving in a violent and uncontrolled way, especially when they are protesting about something: *More than 150 officers battled to end the riots outside the embassy.* | **race riots** (=between people of different races) *In 1943 there were violent race riots in Detroit in which 25 black people died.* | **prison/student etc riots** *the student riots in Paris in the 1960s* | **riots erupt/break out** (=start suddenly and violently) *Riots erupted in the capital after police banned two anti-government demonstrations.* | **put down a riot** (=stop a riot) *The army was called in to put down the riots.* | **riot police** (=police whose job is to stop riots) *Riot police used tear gas against the protestors.*

**unrest** /ʌn'rest/ [n U] a social or political situation in which people protest and often behave violently: *In the unrest since January, 103 people have died.* | **civil/industrial/political/social etc unrest** *The Foreign Office is advising people not to travel to the area, because of civil unrest.* | *a wave of nation-wide strikes and industrial unrest* | **a state of unrest** *For several weeks students at the university have been in a state of unrest.*

**disturbance** /dɪ'stɜːr'bəns/ [n C usually plural] a situation in which people fight or behave violently in public: *The government is introducing special new measures to deal with prison riots and disturbances.* | **civil disturbances** *Israel was reported to be offering guidance to the army on controlling civil disturbances.* | **minor/major disturbances** *There were minor disturbances in Amman during the recent by-elections.*

## 7 deliberately avoiding violence

- ▶ peaceful
- ▶ non-violent

**peaceful** /'piːsfəl/ [adj] *The revolution turned out to be less peaceful than we had hoped.* | *On May 13th, there was a peaceful demonstration of students calling for the resignation of the military regime.* — **peacefully** [adv] *The protest march began peacefully, but soon descended into violence.*

**non-violent** /nɒn 'vaɪələnt/ [adj] **non-violent** methods, protests, organizations etc deliberately avoid using violence: *Our organization has always been non-violent and non-partisan.* | *In 1942, the Congress Party demanded immediate independence,*

*and threatened massive though non-violent resistance.* — **non-violence** [n U] *It was in South Africa that Gandhi first used methods of non-violence, by staging sit-ins for the 'coloured' population.*

# visit

to go and spend time in a place or with a person

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **travel, holiday/vacation, stay (4-8)**

## 1 to visit a person

- ▶ visit
- ▶ go to see/go and see
- ▶ go over/go around/go round
- ▶ come over/come around/come round
- ▶ pay a visit
- ▶ look up
- ▶ descend on/upon

**visit** /'vɪzɪt/ [v I/T] to go and spend time with someone, especially in their home: *I visit my grandparents at least once a month.* | *Paul visited her every day when she was in hospital.* | *We won't be that far away – you'll be able to come and visit.*

**go to see/go and see** /,gəʊ tə 'siː, ,gəʊ ən 'siː/ [v phrase] spoken to visit someone: *I'm going to see my brother and his family tomorrow.* | *Better go and see your father tonight.* | *Why don't you go and see your mother?* | **go see** American spoken *You really should go see Mattie some time.*

**go over/go around/go round** /,gəʊ əʊvər, ,gəʊ ə'raʊnd, ,gəʊ 'raʊnd/ [phr v I] to visit someone at their house, especially if they live close to you: *I saw your Mum today, and I promised that we'd go round later.* | **+ to** *Let's get a bottle of wine and go over to Simon's place.*

**come over/come around/come round** /,kʌm əʊvər, ,kʌm ə'raʊnd, ,kʌm 'raʊnd/ [phr v I] if someone **comes over** or **comes round**, they visit you at your house, especially if they live close to you: *I'll come over at about 7 o'clock.* | *Why don't you come round later and we'll discuss it over dinner?*

**pay a visit** /,peɪ ə 'vɪzɪt/ [v phrase] to visit someone, especially for a particular reason **pay a visit to sb** *Your hand looks very swollen, I think you should pay a visit to the doctor.* | **pay sb a visit** *Isn't it time you paid your mother a visit?*

**look up** /,lʊk 'ʌp/ [phr v T] to visit someone that you have not seen for a long time, while you are spending some time in the area where they live **look sb up** *I'll give you my address so you can look me up whenever you're in London.* | **look up sb** *I looked up a few old friends while I was in Birmingham.*

**descend on/upon** /dɪ'send ɒn, ə, pɒn/ [phr v T] if a lot of people, especially members of your family, **descend on** you, all of them suddenly visit you at the same time: *Sorry for just descending on you like this, Pam – we had nowhere else to stay.* | *The following week all my family descended upon me.*

## 2 to visit someone for a short time

- ▶ call on/call in on
- ▶ drop in/drop by
- ▶ pop in
- ▶ call round/call in

**call on/call in on** /'kɔːl ɒn, ,kɔːl 'ɪn ɒn/ [phr v T] especially British to visit someone for a short time: *Why don't you call on Matt on your way back from work and see how he is?* | *One of our salesmen would be delighted to call in on you in your own home.*



**drop in/drop by** /,drɒp 'm, ,drɒp 'baɪ, drɒp-/ [phr v l] especially spoken to visit someone for a short time, especially when they are not expecting you: *Lizzie said she'd drop in later to let us know what the arrangements are for tonight.* | *Kate dropped by this morning.* | **drop in to see sb** *I'll drop in to see you later.*

**pop in** /,pɒp 'm, ,pɒp-/ [phr v l] British informal to visit someone for a very short time: *I might be able to pop in for about half an hour.* | *Just pop by when you've got a minute and I'll show you our holiday photographs.* | **pop in to see sb** *I popped in to see Keith on my way home.*

**call round/call in** /,kɔ:l 'raʊnd, ,kɔ:l 'm / [phr v l] British to visit someone who lives near you for a short time: *Fred calls round sometimes on his way to the sports centre.* | *I'll call in tomorrow then, Mum.*

### 3 to visit a place as a tourist

- ▶ visit
- ▶ pay a visit
- ▶ go to see/go and see
- ▶ see the sights
- ▶ sightseeing
- ▶ do

**visit** /'vɪzɪt/ [v T] *Every year thousands of tourists visit Turkey.* | *We spent the day visiting temples and other historic buildings.*

**pay a visit** /,peɪ ə 'vɪzɪt/ [v phrase] to visit a place, especially because you are near it: *We were near Edinburgh, so we decided to pay a visit.* | **+ to** *We paid a quick visit to New York before flying home.*

**go to see/go and see** ALSO **go see** American spoken /,gəʊ tə 'si:, ,gəʊ ən 'si:, ,gəʊ 'si:/ [v phrase] to visit a well-known place or building while you are in a city or country: *If you're in Paris, you must go to see the Pompidou Centre.* | *Let's go and see the cathedral.* | *Why don't we go see the Statue of Liberty?*

**see the sights** /,si: ðə 'saɪts/ [v phrase] to visit a city or country and look at the famous and interesting places there: *I wanted to look round Moscow and see the sights.* | **+ of** *We're going on a bus tour today, to see the sights of Copenhagen.*

**sightseeing** /'saɪt,si:ɪŋ/ [n U] the activity of visiting and travelling around a place to look at the famous and interesting places there: *After an afternoon's sightseeing we were all exhausted.* | *We spent the days sightseeing and the evenings sitting in cosy bars drinking the local wine.* | **go sightseeing** *Why don't we go sightseeing tomorrow?*

**do** /du:/ [v T not in passive] spoken to visit a particular famous place while you are on holiday: *I think we ought to do St Paul's while we're in London.* | *We did the Eiffel Tower yesterday.*

### 4 to visit a place as part of your official duties

- ▶ visit

**visit** /'vɪzɪt/ [v l/T not in passive] *The Ambassador last visited Hong Kong in 1982.* | *This afternoon the Queen will visit Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.* | *A police officer will be visiting next week to give the children a talk on crime prevention.* — **visiting** [adj only before noun] *We all had to attend a reception for some visiting dignitaries.*

### 5 to visit a person or place on the way to somewhere else

- ▶ stop by
- ▶ look in on
- ▶ call in
- ▶ stop off
- ▶ stop over

**stop by** ALSO **stop in** American /,stɒp 'baɪ, ,stɒp 'm, ,stɒp-/ [phr v l] to visit a person for a short time while you are on your way to somewhere else: *I just stopped in to say goodbye before I go on vacation.* | *Stop by for a drink on your way home from work.*

**look in on** /,lʊk 'ɪn ɒn / [phr v T] to make a short visit to someone, while you are on your way somewhere, especially if they are ill or need help: *I promised to look in on Dad and see if he's feeling better.* | *Tom will look in on you later to see if you need anything.*

**call in** British/**come by** American /,kɔ:l 'ɪn, ,kʌm 'baɪ/ [phr v l] to visit a person or place for a short time while you are on your way to somewhere else: *Why don't you call in on your way up north?* | *Come by on Saturday and we'll have a drink together.* | **call in on sb** *I called in on Sally yesterday.*

**stop off** /,stɒp 'ɒf, ,stɒp-/ [phr v l] to make a short visit to a place during a journey: *We'll stop off and see you on our way back.* | **+ in/at** *He stopped off in Paris for a couple of days.*

**stop over** /,stɒp 'əʊvər, ,stɒp-/ [phr v l] to visit somewhere for a short time during a long journey, especially a plane flight **+ in** *The flight to Australia takes 28 hours but we stop over in Singapore for a night.* — **stopover** /'stɒpəʊvər, ,stɒp-/ [n C] *The journey includes a two-day stopover in Miami before flying on to Mexico.*

### 6 someone who visits someone else

- ▶ visitor
- ▶ guest
- ▶ caller
- ▶ have company/visitors/guests

**visitor** /'vɪzɪtər/ [n C] *We have nowhere for visitors to sleep at the moment as the spare room is being decorated.* | *Colette offered her visitor a glass of wine.* | *I've been asked to show some important visitors round the department.*

**guest** /gest/ [n C] someone who you have invited to visit you at your home: *You're not supposed to do the dishes – you're a guest.* | *Among the guests was the television presenter Jo Everton.* | *She felt she had to stay in and entertain her guests.* | **have a guest** *We had a couple of guests for the weekend.*

**caller** /'kɔ:lər/ [n C] especially British someone who you do not know who visits you at home for a short time: *I don't seem to have many callers these days.* | *When answering the door, always check the identity of callers.*

**have company/visitors/guests** /hæv 'kʌmpəni, 'vɪzɪtəz, 'gests/ [v phrase] if you **have company, visitors** etc someone is visiting you in your home: *I didn't realise you had company, I'll call back tomorrow.* | *There's a surprise waiting for you at home – we have unexpected guests.*

### 7 an occasion when someone visits a place or person

- ▶ visit
- ▶ flying visit

**visit** /'vɪzɪt/ [n C] *We're all looking forward to your visit.* | **+ from** *The girls were quite excited because*



they were expecting a visit from their parents. | + to The Senator's visit to the Military Academy at Andover was a great success. | **make/pay a visit to** (=visit a person or place) The president will make a brief visit to Britain before returning home. | The Queen will pay a state visit to China later this year.

**flying visit** /ˌflaɪ-ɪŋ ˈvɪzɪt/ [n C] a very short visit, made especially when you are on your way to another place and you do not have much time: *I'm afraid this is only a flying visit – we have to get to the station by three.* | **make a flying visit to** We're making a flying visit to Monte Carlo on our way back.

## voice

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **sound, speak, talk, shout, scream, high (7), low (2)**

### 1 the sounds someone makes when they speak

▶ **voice**

▶ **tone**

**voice** /vɔɪs/ [n C] She has a very high, squeaky voice. | I could hear Dan's angry voice shouting 'stupid idiot'. | There was a note of irritation in her voice. | She was startled to hear voices coming from upstairs. | **in a loud/high/deep etc voice** 'Sorry I'm late', she said, in a low voice.

**tone** /təʊn/ [n C/U] the way someone speaks, especially when this shows the way they feel: He kept his tone formal. | + of I often detect a tone of regret in her voice. | **in an friendly/angry/embarrassed etc tone** 'This is Julia', Jo said, in a friendly tone. | She was speaking in a rather irritated tone. | **in hushed tones** (=quietly) Mary ushered her into the church, speaking in hushed tones. | **tone of voice** She was almost hypnotised by his mellow tone of voice.

### 2 a rough voice

▶ **rough**  
▶ **throaty**  
▶ **husky**

▶ **gruff**  
▶ **hoarse**

**rough** /rʌf/ [adj] not sounding soft or gentle, especially because the person speaking is angry or rude: 'What are you doing in here?' shouted the farmer in a rough voice. | + with Fran was shaking her urgently, his voice rough with concern. — **roughly** [adv] 'Well, what are you waiting for? Get a move on!' said the guard roughly.

**throaty** /ˈθrəʊti/ [adj] deep and rough, as if the sounds are produced deep down in your throat: Julie had a throaty voice that made her sound older than she was. | She always spoke with a throaty German accent.

**husky** /ˈhʌski/ [adj] slightly rough, as though you have a sore throat, but also attractive and deep: Stephen put his arms around her and his voice became a soft, husky whisper. | Caron Wheeler's rich, husky vocal is perfect for the song's mellow soulfulness. — **huskily** [adv] Mel cleared his throat and chuckled huskily.

**gruff** /ɡrʌf/ [adj] deep and rough, especially when the speaker is feeling annoyed or being rude and does not want to talk much: 'If this happens again,' said Dad, in a gruff voice, 'I shall be extremely angry!' | He was an irritable old man, who seldom

spoke except to say a gruff hello. — **gruffly** [adv] The doorman asked me gruffly for my identity card.

**hoarse** /hɔːrs/ [adj] rough and not very clear, especially because your throat is sore as a result of illness or too much shouting, singing etc: You sound very hoarse. Do you have a cold? | His voice dropped to a hoarse whisper. | **shout yourself hoarse** British (=shout so much that you become hoarse) He had shouted himself hoarse in his frenzied efforts to attract attention. — **hoarsely** [adv] 'Sorry, I'm losing my voice,' Sam whispered hoarsely. — **hoarseness** [n U] The hoarseness in Brenda's voice made it very difficult to hear her over the phone.

### 3 a high voice

▶ **high**  
▶ **high-pitched**  
▶ **piercing**

▶ **shrill**

▶ **squeaky**

**high** /haɪ/ [adj] I recognized Juliet's high, excited voice on the phone immediately.

**high-pitched** /ˌhaɪ ˈpɪtʃtɪd/ [adj] high and often unpleasant or annoying to listen to: Her voice was clear but rather high-pitched. | The commentary was punctuated by high-pitched giggles.

**piercing** /ˈpiərsɪŋ/ [adj] very high and loud, and unpleasant or painful to listen to: Her voice was nasal and piercing. | He raised his hands and let out a piercing shriek. | There came a piercing cry from the back of the cinema.

**shrill** /ʃrɪl/ [adj] very high and loud and unpleasant to listen to: As Sophie became angry her voice got shriller. | Sylvie burst out in a shrill laugh before leaving the room.

**squeaky** /ˈskwiːki/ [adj] a squeaky voice keeps changing between being too high and being normal, especially because there is something wrong with your throat: He's had a throat infection for over a week and his voice has gone squeaky. | a band with a squeaky vocal style

### 4 a low voice

▶ **low**  
▶ **deep**

▶ **rich**  
▶ **resonant**

**low** /ləʊ/ [adj] Martin's voice was low, with a note of sadness in it. | Gripping his stomach, he let out a low moan.

**deep** /diːp/ [adj] if a man's voice is deep, it is very low, especially in an attractive way. If a woman's voice is deep, it is very low, like a man's voice: He has a deep, reassuring voice. | I tried to make my voice sound deeper when I answered the phone.

**rich** /rɪtʃ/ [adj] a rich voice is low, strong, and pleasant to listen to: The lead actor's rich voice claimed the attention of the audience. | He sang in a deep, rich baritone.

**resonant** /ˈrezənənt/ [adj] a resonant voice is deep, loud, and clear: Billy's voice had a deep, resonant tone that was a pleasure to hear. | 'Listen,' Toranaga interrupted in his resonant, commanding voice.

## vote

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **government, politics, represent, choose, power (5)**



## 1 to vote

- ▶ **vote**
- ▶ **have/take a vote**
- ▶ **cast a vote**
- ▶ **put sth to the/a vote**
- ▶ **veto**
- ▶ **ballot**
- ▶ **go to the polls**
- ▶ **the ballot box**

**vote** /vəʊt/ [v I/T] to formally choose someone such as a political representative or show your support or disapproval of something, for example by putting a mark on a piece of paper in an election: *In tomorrow's election, many young people will be voting for the first time.* | *Hundreds of people lost their lives in the past fighting for the right to vote.* | **+ for** (=vote to support them) *I haven't decided who I'm going to vote for.* | *70% of the population voted for independence.* | **+ against** *Only two people voted against the expansion of the business.* | **vote in favour of sth** *The vast majority of people voted in favour of closer links with Europe.* | **+ on** *Teachers will be voting on a proposal to accept the 5% pay offer.* | **vote Republican/Labour etc** (=vote for a political party) *I've voted Democrat all my life.*

**have/take a vote** /,hæv, teɪk ə 'vəʊt/ [v phrase] if a group of people **have** or **take a vote**, they each make it known which idea they agree with, as a formal way of deciding what to do: *We couldn't agree on a way forward, so we decided to have a vote.* | **+ on** *I think we should take a vote on whether or not to accept their offer.*

**cast a vote** ALSO **cast a ballot** American /,kɑːst ə 'vəʊt, ,kɑːst ə 'bælət, kæst-/ [v phrase] to vote in a political election: *By the end of the day, less than 40% of the population had cast their votes.* | *Over three quarters of the votes cast were for the Liberal candidate.* | *Not until all the ballots have been cast can they be counted.*

**put sth to the/a vote** /,put (sth) tə ðə, ə 'vəʊt/ [v phrase] to ask a group of people to vote on something that has been discussed in order to come to an official decision about it: *Let's put it to the vote.* *All those in favour raise your hands.* | *When the matter was put to a vote, the staff voted overwhelmingly not to go on strike.*

**veto** /'vi:təʊ/ [v T] if someone **veto**s a decision that other people have agreed on, they use their official power to refuse to allow it: *The president has the right to veto any piece of legislation.* | *The deal was agreed by the board but vetoed by the chairman.*

**ballot** /'bælət/ [v T] to decide something by asking the members of an organization to formally vote on it: *The union will now ballot its members on whether to go ahead with strike action.*

**go to the polls** /,gəʊ tə ðə 'pəʊlz/ [v phrase] if the people of a country or area **go to the polls**, they vote in a political election – used especially in newspapers and on television or radio: *The people of Houston will go to the polls next week to elect a new mayor.* | *With only two days left before France goes to the polls, all parties are campaigning hard.*

**the ballot box** /ðə 'bælət bɒks, -bɑːks/ [n phrase] the system of choosing a government by voting – used especially in newspapers and on television or radio: *They are determined to win power through the ballot box, not by violence.* | *The voters have expressed their views at the ballot box.*

## 2 to choose a government, leader, or representative by voting

- ▶ **elect**
- ▶ **vote in/into**
- ▶ **re-elect**
- ▶ **return**
- ▶ **nominate**

**elect** /ɪ'lekt/ [v T] to choose a government, leader, or representative by voting: *I think we should start by electing a new chairman.* | **elect sb leader/charman/president etc** *Ken Livingstone was elected mayor of London in May 2000.*

**vote in/into** /,vəʊt 'ɪn, 'ɪntuː/ [phr v T] give someone a position of political power by voting for them **vote sb/sth in** *They always seem to vote in these corrupt, incompetent governments.* | **vote sb into power/office** *The conservatives have promised to cut taxes if they are voted into office.*

**re-elect** /,riːɪ'lekt/ [v T] to elect someone to a position that they have had since the previous election: *The chairman and treasurer have both been re-elected for another year.* | **re-elect sb as sth** *Simon Mungford has been re-elected as party leader.*

**return** /rɪ'tɜːn/ [v T] British to elect a politician as a member of parliament – used especially in news reports: *Only 96 Conservative MPs were returned at the last election.*

**nominate** /'nɒmɪneɪt, 'nɑː-/ [v T] to formally suggest that someone should become one of the people who will be voted for in an election: *Whoever is nominated today will go forward to the leadership elections.* | **nominate sb for sth** *By now it was clear that Bush was going to be nominated for President.* | **nominate sb as sth** *I was nominated as chairman.* — **nomination** /,nɒmɪ'neɪʃən, 'nɑː-/ [n C] the name of a person who has been nominated: *All nominations must be in by three o'clock on March 21st.*

## 3 an occasion when people vote

- ▶ **election**
- ▶ **electoral**
- ▶ **referendum**
- ▶ **ballot**
- ▶ **polls**
- ▶ **polling**
- ▶ **show of hands**

**election** /ɪ'lekʃən/ [n C] when people vote to choose a government or leader: *It will be interesting to see what happens at the next election.* | **hold an election** *South Africa held its first multi-racial elections in 1994.* | **call an election** (=to say officially that there will be an election) *The government may decide to call an election early.* | **presidential/gubernatorial election** (=an election to choose a president or governor) *America is preparing for the presidential elections, which will take place in two weeks' time.* | **general election** British (=an election to choose a government) *Taxation will be one of the major issues at the next general election.*

**electoral** /ɪ'lektərəl/ [adj only before noun] relating to an election: *Support for electoral reform is growing.* | *This was the first of her many electoral successes.* | *Electoral systems vary from country to country.*

**referendum** /,refə'rendəm/ [n C] when everyone in a country votes on a particular important political subject: *How will you be voting in the referendum?* | **hold a referendum** *The government has promised to hold a referendum and let the people choose.* | **+ on** *The Irish people voted 'no' in a referendum on divorce in 1986.*



**ballot** /'bælət/ [n C] when the members of an organization vote on something by marking what they want on a piece of paper, especially in order to make sure that it is secret: *The result of the ballot showed that nurses were not in favour of a strike.* | **+ of** *He was elected by a ballot of all the teaching staff in the college.* | **hold a ballot** *It was decided to hold a ballot of all party members.* | **secret ballot** (=when no-one knows what you voted for) *Voting will be by secret ballot.*

**polls** /pəʊlz/ [n plural] a political election – used especially in news reports: *The party is still trying to recover from the losses it suffered at last year's polls.* | **at the polls** *Richards won a huge victory at the polls.* | **the polls** *Voters have been flocking to the polls to elect a new president.*

**polling** /'pəʊlɪŋ/ [n U] the process of voting in a political election: *Polling has been going on since 9 am.* | *The announcement of her resignation came just two days before polling was to begin.* | **polling day** British (=the day when an election is held) *Polling day is 30 May.* | **polling booth/station** (=a place where people vote) *Security was tight at the polling stations.*

**show of hands** /,ʃəʊ əv 'hændz/ [n phrase] when the people in a group are asked to vote informally by raising their hands: *A show of hands suggested that Martins had little support.* | *She was elected by a show of hands.*

## 4 someone who votes

▶ voter

▶ electorate

**voter** /'vəʊtər/ [n C] someone who votes in a political election: *Italian voters have shown that they are ready for a change of government.* | **Republican/Labour etc voters** *There is disappointment among Labour voters that the party has not done more to help traditional industries.*

**electorate** /ɪ'lektərɪt/ [n singular] all the people who can vote in a country or area: *Research has shown that thirty percent of the electorate have still not decided how they will vote.* | *He has been accused of misleading the electorate.*

## 5 the right to vote

▶ the vote

▶ have a vote

▶ suffrage

▶ franchise

▶ enfranchise

▶ disenfranchise

**the vote** /ðə 'vəʊt/ [n singular] the right to vote in an election: *People are campaigning for civil rights and especially for the vote.* | **have the vote** *The majority of immigrant workers do not have the vote.* | **get the vote** *In 1928 in Britain, women got the vote at 21 on equal terms with men.*

**have a vote** /,hæv ə 'vəʊt/ [v phrase not in progressive] if you **have a vote**, you have the right to vote: *In Britain, everyone over 18 has a vote.* | *The secretary is allowed to attend meetings, but does not have a vote.*

**suffrage** /'sʌfrɪdʒ/ [n U] formal the right to vote in elections – use this especially to talk about people's fight to be allowed to vote: *There was a fierce struggle for women's suffrage in Britain early this century.* | *Suffrage reforms took place in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.* | **universal suffrage** (=the right of every adult in a country to vote) *Even now, not every country in Europe has universal suffrage.*

**franchise** /'fræntʃaɪz/ [n singular] formal the right to vote in political elections: *The franchise was later extended to any person over 18 years old.*

**enfranchise** /ɪn'fræntʃaɪz/ [v T] formal to give a person or a group of people the right to vote in political elections: *This legislation enfranchised many thousands of people.* | *The group works in developing countries to increase literacy and enfranchise women.*

**disenfranchise** /,dɪsɪn'fræntʃaɪz/ [v T] formal to take away someone's right to vote in an election: *If you don't get your name on the electoral register you may be disenfranchised.*

## 6 ways of saying how many votes are made or received

▶ the vote

▶ poll

▶ receive/get

**the vote** /ðə 'vəʊt/ [n singular] the total number of votes made in a political election: *63% of the vote went to the National Party.* | **sb's share of the vote** *Once again, the Democrats increased their share of the vote.*

**receive/get** /rɪ'si:v, get/ [v T] if a candidate receives or gets a particular number of votes, that is the number of people who have voted for him or her. **Receive** is more formal than **get**: *Standord received 50% of the male vote.* | *The Green Party candidate got only one more vote than the Socialists.*

**poll** /pəʊl/ [v T] British to receive a particular number of votes in an election: *He polled 23,579 votes.* | *The Labour candidate polled 52% of the votes.*

## 7 to try to get elected

▶ run

▶ candidate

▶ fight

**run** ALSO **stand** British /rʌn, stænd/ [v I] *Ellis has not yet announced whether or not he will run.* | *I hope Ian will decide to stand because he'd make an excellent president.* | **+ for** *Only eight percent of those standing for the National Party were women.* | **+ against** *We've got an excellent candidate to run against Harwood in the election.* | **stand for Parliament** British *He first stood for Parliament in 1974 but failed to get in.* | **stand for election** British *If you want to change the way the committee does things, you should stand for election yourself.* | **run for President/mayor/office etc** *There are rumors going around that I'm running for President, but they're not true.*

**fight** /faɪt/ [v T] especially British to try very hard to get elected, especially when this is difficult **fight an election** *The Prime Minister has decided to stay on to fight another election.* | **fight sb for sth** *Neil Phillips will now fight Adams for leadership of the party.*

**candidate** /'kændɪdət/-derɪt, -dɪt/ [n C] someone who tries to get elected: *I think Reid is definitely the best candidate.* | **+ for** *She stood as the candidate for Hackney East.* | **Conservative/Nationalist/Communist etc candidate** *My name is Andrew Fraser. I'm your Labour candidate.* | *the Democratic candidate*

## 8 political activities before an election

▶ campaign

▶ canvass

▶ electioneering



**campaign** /kæm'peɪn/ [n C] the activities and advertising used over a period of time to persuade people to vote for a particular party or person: *Richards and his team have already started planning his campaign for election as party leader.* | *Throughout the campaign, Baldwin looked the most likely to win.* | **election campaign** *The government does not want this kind of bad publicity in the middle of an election campaign.* — **campaign** [v I] *The Prime Minister will be campaigning in Scotland next week.*

**electioneering** /ɪˌlekʃə'niəriŋ/ [n U] activities such as visiting places and talking to people to try to persuade them to vote for a particular person or party – use this especially when you think politicians are not being sincere when they do this: *Modern electioneering is sophisticated and highly organised.* | *Critics have dismissed his visit to a shelter for the homeless as an obvious piece of electioneering.*

**canvass** /'kænvəs/ [v I/T] to go around an area or to people's houses in order to find out if they intend to vote for you or your party and, if not, to try to persuade them that they should: *She was canvassing in the Greenside area of town yesterday.* | *I spent the whole afternoon canvassing voters.* | + **for** *I canvass for the Democrats at election times.*

## Ww

## wait

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ to believe that something will happen *see expect*
- ▶ *see also* **delay, later**

### 1 to wait

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| ▶ wait            | ▶ wait your turn |
| ▶ hold on/hang on | ▶ sit out        |
| ▶ hang around     | ▶ await          |
| ▶ stand by        | ▶ long-awaited   |

**wait** /weɪt/ [v I] to spend time not doing very much, while you are expecting something to happen or expecting someone to arrive: *Wait here until I get back.* | *Hurry up, everyone's waiting.* | **wait for sb** *I'll stay here and wait for Suzie.* | **wait for sth** *We spent almost an hour just waiting for the bus.* | **wait (for) a minute/two hours/a long time etc** *Where have you been? I've been waiting since 7:00.* | *You'll have to wait a few minutes – I'm not ready yet.* | **wait to do sth** *Are you waiting to use the phone?* | **wait for sb/sth to do sth** *She waited for him to reply.* | *He waited for the applause to die down before he continued speaking.* | **keep sb waiting** (=make someone wait, for example by arriving late) *I'm so sorry I kept you waiting.* | **wait and see** (=wait to find out what will happen) *I've done as much as I can – now all I can do is wait and see what happens.* | **wait-and-see attitude/position/approach etc** *The airline industry has adopted a wait-and-see attitude to the report's proposals.*

**hold on/hang on** /həʊld 'ɒn, hæŋ 'ɒn/ [phr v I] spoken to wait, especially in a difficult situation, hoping that something good will happen: *Captain Damas*

*decided it was best to hold on and wait for the other ship to arrive.* | *We knew that if we hung on long enough, things were bound to change.*

**hang around** ALSO **hang about** British informal /,hæŋ ə'raʊnd, hæŋ ə'baʊt/ [phr v I] informal to wait in one place without doing anything, so that you are wasting time: *Sally hung around for over an hour but no-one came.* | *I wish we could get on with the job. I hate all this hanging about.* | + **for** British *We spent half an hour hanging about for Kerry.* | **hang around for hours/ages etc** *We were hanging around for hours before they opened the gates.* | **keep sb hanging around** *We can't keep our troops hanging around forever, doing nothing.*

**stand by** /,stænd 'baɪ/ [phr v I] to wait and be ready to do something if needed: *The family stood by, knowing that she might wake up any minute.* | + **for** *The crew was ordered to stand by for take-off.* | + **to do sth** *The Foreign Minister had a helicopter standing by to whisk him to the northern city of Afula.*

**wait your turn** /,weɪt ʃɔːr 'tɜːrɪn/ [v phrase] to wait before doing something that other people are also waiting to do, because some of them have the right to do it before you: *Everyone has to wait their turn.* | + **to do sth** *A long line of people waited their turn to shake his hand.*

**sit out** /,sɪt 'aʊt/ [phr v T] to wait until something has finished, especially something unpleasant or boring **sit it out** *If the plane's late, there's nothing we can do except sit it out.* | **sit sth out** *Tony forced himself to sit the play out.* | **sit out sth** *Like many people in the community, we sat out the storm at home, hoping no disasters would occur.*

**await** /ə'weɪt/ [v T] formal to wait for something: *The committee is awaiting a decision from head office before it takes any action.* | *Two men have been charged with murder and are now in prison awaiting trial.*

**long-awaited** /lɒŋ ə'weɪtɪd, lɔːŋ-/ [adj only before noun] used to describe things that you have waited for for a long time: *The next morning we received the long-awaited order to attack.* | *It is hoped that these measures will trigger the long-awaited upturn in the economy.*

### 2 what you say to tell someone to wait

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|------------------------|---|
| ▶ wait                 | ▶ wait up                               |
| ▶ just a minute/second | ▶ I'll be right with you/be right there |
| ▶ hold on              | ▶ bear with me                          |
| ▶ wait and see         | ▶ hold your horses                      |
| ▶ see how things go    | ▶ all in good time                      |

**wait** /weɪt/ *Wait, I have a better idea.* | *Wait! We haven't talked to Vicky yet.* | **wait a minute/moment/second etc** *Wait a minute. I forgot to turn off the lights.* | *Wait a second, don't rush off!*

**just a minute/second** /dʒʌst ə 'mɪnɪt, 'sekənd/ say this when you want someone to wait a short time: *Just a minute, I'm almost ready.* | *Just a second, let me just check I've got my keys with me.*

**hold on** ALSO **hang on** especially British /həʊld 'ɒn, hæŋ 'ɒn/ use this to tell someone to wait for a short time: *Hold on – I haven't finished yet.* | **hold on a minute/moment/second etc** *Hang on a minute while I find her phone number.*

**wait and see** /,weɪt ən 'siː/ use this to tell someone to be patient because they will find out about something later: *'So what's this surprise you've got*



for me then?' 'Wait and see.' | I'm not going to tell you who else I've invited – you'll just have to wait and see.

**see how things go** /,si: haʊ θɪŋz 'gəʊ/ [v phrase] say this when you are advising someone to wait before deciding something, in order to see how the situation develops: *Let's load up the program and see how things go.* | *See how things go for another week, and if you're no better we'll change the treatment.*

**wait up** /,weɪt 'ʌp/ American use this to tell someone to stop, because you want to talk to them or go with them: *Wait up, you guys! I can't walk that fast.*

**I'll be right with you/be right there** /aɪl bi: ,raɪt 'wið ju:, bi: ,raɪt 'ðeə/ say this when you want someone to know that you will be able to see them or talk to them very soon: *I'm sorry for the delay, sir – I'll be right with you.* | *Hang your coat up and make yourself at home – I'll be right there.*

**bear with me** /'beər wið mi:/ formal use this to ask someone to wait patiently while you explain something or while you finish what you are doing: *If you'll just bear with me, I'll explain.* | *Bear with me for just a couple of minutes while I find my notes.*

**hold your horses** /,həʊld jɔ: 'hɔ:rsɪz/ say this to someone who is hurrying too much, when you want them to slow down: *Hold your horses – I haven't even said I'll do the job yet!*

**all in good time** /ɔ:l ɪn gʊd 'taɪm/ spoken say this to someone who wants you to hurry, to tell them that you are not going to: *'When are we going to open the presents?' 'All in good time.'*

### 3 a period of time when you have to wait

#### ► wait

**wait** /weɪt/ [n singular] *I'm sorry you have had such a long wait.* | *Relatives now face an anxious wait while the emergency services search the wreckage for survivors.* | **a ten-minute/two-hour etc wait** *After a four-hour wait at the airport, we finally got on a flight to New York.* | *A lot of patients face a two-year wait for treatment.*

### 4 to make someone wait

- keep sb waiting
- keep sb in suspense
- make sb wait
- keep sb hanging on

**keep sb waiting** /,ki:p (sb) 'weɪtɪŋ/ [v phrase] to make someone wait, especially by arriving late: *I'm sorry to keep you waiting.* | *She was annoyed because she had been kept waiting.* | **+ for** *Lott kept us waiting for 40 minutes while he attended another meeting.*

**make sb wait** /,merk (sb) 'weɪt/ [v phrase] to deliberately make someone wait: *Shaw made us wait a few days before giving us an answer.* | *They made me wait for half an hour before allowing me to see my father.*

**keep sb in suspense** /,ki:p (sb) ɪn sə'spens/ [v phrase] to make someone wait anxiously or excitedly before you tell them something that they are eager to know: *Come on – don't keep us in suspense – who won?* | *The audience is kept in suspense to the very end of the play.*

**keep sb hanging on** /,ki:p (sb) ,hæŋɪŋ 'ɒn/ [v phrase] to make someone wait a long time for something that you are not actually going to give them: *They kept me hanging on for three weeks before they finally told me they weren't going to give me the job.*

### 5 when you stand in a line of people waiting

- queue (up)
- stand/wait in line
- line up
- queue
- be in the queue
- jump the queue
- push in/cut in

**queue (up)** /,kju: ('ʌp)/ [v l] British to stand in a line of people who are all waiting for the same thing: *Students were queuing up at the bus-stop.* | **+ to do sth** *It's worth queuing up to get the best tickets.* | **+ for** *I hope we don't have to queue for tickets.*

**stand/wait in line** /,stænd, ,weɪt ɪn 'laɪn/ [v phrase] American to stand in a line of people who are all waiting for the same thing: *Go and wait in line like everyone else.* | **+ for** *There were about 50 people standing in line for tickets outside the club.* | **+ to do sth** *People stood in line to touch him, believing his body had healing powers.*

**line up** /,laɪn 'ʌp/ [phr v l] if people **line up**, they go and stand in a line and wait to do something or be given something: *The guard ordered us to line up by the wall.* | **+ to do sth** *Christopher and the other children lined up to receive their awards.*

**queue** British / **line** American /kju:, laɪn/ [n C] a group of people, standing one behind the other, who are all waiting for the same thing: *The queue went right round the block.* | **+ for** *There was a long queue for the toilets.* | **the front/back of the queue/line** *After waiting for an hour, we finally got to the front of the line.* | **join a queue/get in line** *I joined the queue for a taxi.* | *Two people tried to get in line ahead of us.*

**be in the queue** British / **be in (the) line** American /bi: ɪn ðə 'kju:, bi: ɪn (ðə) 'laɪn/ [v phrase] to be waiting in a line with people who are all waiting for the same thing: *While I was in the queue at the bank I met an old school friend.* | *Kerry started talking to the people who were in line ahead of us.* | **+ for** *Several people in the line for the rollercoaster gave up and left.*

**jump the queue** /,dʒʌmp ðə 'kju:/ [v phrase] British to get something before other people who have been waiting for it longer than you: *My official uniform meant that we could jump the queue.* | *While ordinary citizens had to wait months to get hospital treatment, government officials were able to jump the queue.*

**push in/cut in** /,pʊʃ 'ɪn, ,kʌt 'ɪn/ [phr v l] informal to join a line in front of other people who are already waiting, so that you get something before them: *I hate people who push in in front of me!* | *Hey, that guy just cut in line!*

### 6 when someone is waiting for something to happen

- patient
- impatient
- look forward to
- can't wait
- hold your breath
- expectant

**patient** /'peɪʃənt/ [adj] able to wait calmly without becoming annoyed or bored: *I'm sure she'll write soon. Just try to be patient.* | *Halle was patient, waiting for the boy to finish his explanation.* — **patiently** [adj] *The audience waited patiently for the show to begin.* — **patience** [n U] when you can wait calmly without becoming annoyed or bored: *It's easy to grow your own plants – all you need is a little time and patience.*

**impatient** /ɪm'peɪʃənt/ [adj] becoming annoyed because you have been waiting for a long time:



Don't be so impatient. I'm working as fast as I can. | By this time there was a queue of impatient customers waiting to be served. | **+ for** The new minister was almost immediately the object of attack by politicians and press impatient for results. | **get/become/grow impatient (with)** I could see that Max was getting impatient with me. — **impatiently** [adj] The customs officer waved them on impatiently. — **impatience** [n U] annoyance caused by waiting for a long time: People were beginning to show signs of impatience.

**look forward to** /lʊk 'fɔːrwəd tuː/ [phr v T] to wait happily or excitedly for something that is going to happen: I'm really looking forward to this trip to Japan. | We used to look forward to the weekends because that was when we could spend some time together. | **+ to doing sth** I look forward to meeting you next month.

**can't wait** /kɑːnt 'weɪt/, kænt-/ [v phrase] if you say you can't wait, you mean you feel excited and impatient because something good is going to happen and you want it to happen as soon as possible: We're flying to Austria on Friday. I can't wait! | **+ for** I can't wait for Christmas! | School is so boring. I can't wait for the holidays to come. | **+ to do sth** I can't wait to see their new house. | She couldn't wait to quit her job and get married.

**hold your breath** /həʊld jɔːr 'breθ/ [v phrase] to wait anxiously to see what is going to happen, especially when there is a possibility that something bad may happen: Rachel held her breath as she waited for his answer. | The art world will be holding its breath to see how much these paintings sell for at auction.

**expectant** /ɪk'spektənt/ [adj usually before noun] waiting hopefully and excitedly for something to happen: Bright expectant faces were turned upward toward the stage. | Expectant crowds waited outside the theatre. | The darkened assembly room became suddenly hushed and expectant as the picture appeared on the screen. — **expectantly** [adv] Patrick looked at me expectantly.

## wake up/get up

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **sleep, tired/tiring, early (3)**

### 1 to stop sleeping

- ▶ **wake/wake up**
- ▶ **awake**
- ▶ **come around**
- ▶ **stir**

**wake/wake up** /weɪk, 'weɪk 'ʌp/ [v I] to stop sleeping. Wake is more formal than **wake up** and is usually used in writing.: She woke early the next morning, and slipped out of the house unseen. | Babies often wake because they are hungry. | The dog suddenly woke up and started barking. | **wake up at 5 a.m./12 noon etc** I woke up at five o'clock and couldn't get back to sleep again.

**awake** /ə'weɪk/ [adj not before noun] not asleep **be awake** 'Are you awake, Lucy?' she whispered. | I'm usually awake before anyone else. | **be wide awake** (=be completely awake) It was nearly three in the morning, but Jill was still wide awake. | **be half awake/barely awake** (=be not quite awake) He listened, only half awake, as the teacher's voice droned on. | Barely awake, we stumbled out of the tent to find ourselves in a foot of water. | **keep sb awake** I've stopped drinking coffee in the evenings, as it tends to keep me awake at night. | **stay awake** Some members

of the audience were clearly having difficulty staying awake. | **lie awake** (=be unable to sleep at night) Ben lay awake, worrying about next day's exam. | I've lain awake at nights, turning the problem over and over in my mind.

**come around** ALSO **come round** British /kʌm ə'raʊnd, kʌm 'raʊnd/ [phr v I] to gradually become conscious again after being given a drug or being hit on the head: She was coming round after her operation, but she still felt dizzy and very sleepy. | Henry's eyelids flickered. 'He's coming around!' Marie cried.

**stir** /stɜːr/ [v I] to move slightly and wake for a short time, then go back to sleep again: As I entered the room, she stirred slightly, then went back to sleep. | Roger momentarily stirred, turned in the bed and murmured something inaudible.

### 2 to make someone stop sleeping

- ▶ **wake/wake up**
- ▶ **disturb**
- ▶ **rouse**
- ▶ **get sb up/get sb out of bed**

**wake/wake up** /weɪk, 'weɪk 'ʌp/ [v T/phr v T] Be quiet or you'll wake my parents. | We were woken by a loud banging on the door. | He shook her arm to try and wake her. | **wake sb up** The alarm clock woke me up at 8 o'clock. | Why didn't you wake me up this morning? I was late for work. | **wake up sb** They were making enough noise to wake up the whole street! | **wake up!** spoken (=what you say to someone when you want to stop them sleeping) Come on honey, wake up! You'll be late!

**disturb** /dɪ'stɜːrb/ [v T] to accidentally wake someone who is sleeping, by making a noise or movement: I got undressed in the bathroom to avoid disturbing her. | I hope my snoring won't disturb you too much. — **disturbed** [adj] a disturbed night's sleep

**rouse** /raʊz/ [v T] formal to wake someone with difficulty because they are sleeping very deeply: He found Paula fast asleep in bed, and nothing would rouse her. | **rouse sb from their sleep/slumbers** I was roused from my sleep by the sound of a door banging shut.

**get sb up/get sb out of bed** /,get (sb) 'ʌp, ,get (sb) aʊt əv 'bed/ [phr v T/v phrase] to wake someone up and make them get out of their bed: Go and get your brother up. It's time for him to go to work. | Did you get me up just to tell me that? | I'm sorry for calling so early – I hope I didn't get you out of bed.

### 3 to get out of bed

- ▶ **get up**
- ▶ **get out of bed**
- ▶ **be up**
- ▶ **surface**

**get up** /,get 'ʌp/ [phr v I] to get out of bed, especially in the morning in order to get ready for the day: What time do you need to get up tomorrow? | Why is it always me who gets up first? | **get up at 7.00 a.m./dawn etc** Frank gets up at half past five every morning. | **get up early/late** I think we should get up early and leave before breakfast. | She goes to bed late and gets up late.

**get out of bed** /get ,aʊt əv 'bed/ [v phrase] I couldn't face getting out of bed this morning. | Isn't it about time you got out of bed?

**be up** /biː 'ʌp/ [v phrase] to be out of bed and doing things: Is Harry up yet? | I was up at six this morning. | Jake had been up since dawn. | **be up early** You're up early!



**surface** /'sɜːrfɪs/ [v I] spoken informal to get up, especially late and after being in bed for a long time: *'Have you seen Cathy?' 'No, she hasn't surfaced yet.'*

## 4 to stay in bed until late in the morning

- ▶ **get up late**
- ▶ **have a lie in/sleep late**
- ▶ **stay in bed**
- ▶ **oversleep**
- ▶ **sleep in**

**get up late** /get ʌp 'leɪt/ [v phrase] to get out of bed later than usual in the morning: *We usually get up late on Sundays. | Jackson's not here. He must have gotten up late again. | I got up late, and then Brian was in the bathroom, so I just rushed straight here.*

**have a lie in/sleep late** /hæv ə 'laɪ ɪn, 'slɪp 'leɪt/ [v phrase] to stay in bed longer than usual in the morning, especially because you do not need to get up: *It's Saturday tomorrow, so I can have a lovely long lie in. | We slept late, and when we woke the sun was blazing in through the windows.*

**stay in bed** /steɪ ɪn 'bed/ [v phrase] to not get out of bed, even though you are not asleep: *If you're not well, you'd better stay in bed. | We stayed in bed all morning, reading the papers and drinking coffee.*

**oversleep** /əʊvər'sliːp/ [v I] to accidentally sleep longer than you intended, so that you are late for something: *Sorry I'm late – I overslept. | They were afraid of oversleeping and missing the plane. | He had overslept on the day he was supposed to take the entrance exam.*

**sleep in** /sliːp 'ɪn/ [phr v I] to deliberately get up later than usual because you do not have to get up at a fixed time: *I think I'll go to bed late tonight and sleep in tomorrow. | She doesn't even like sleeping in, even on Sundays.*

## 5 someone who is easily woken by noise

- ▶ **light sleeper**

**light sleeper** /laɪt 'sliːpər/ [n C] *Mr and Mrs Carlton are both light sleepers, so be very quiet when you come in at night. | If you are a light sleeper, ask for a room that doesn't face the street.*

## 6 someone who usually gets up early in the morning

- ▶ **early riser**

**early riser** /ɜːrli 'raɪzər/ [n C] *He'd been an early riser ever since he was a child. | A few early risers were already sipping their cappuccinos in the bars facing the square.*

# walk

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **go, travel, run, fall, road/path**

## 1 to walk

- ▶ **walk**
- ▶ **on foot**

**walk** /wɔːk/ [v I] *Anna missed the bus, so she decided to walk. | How old was Daisy when she first started*

*walking? | + into/out of/along/back etc* *Jed walked out of the station and got into a taxi. | I was walking along Main Street when I met Pierre. | **walk home** She hates walking home alone at night. | **walk two miles/100 metres etc** We must have walked about five miles today.*

**on foot** /ɒn 'fʊt/ [adv] if you go somewhere **on foot**, you walk instead of going by car, bus, train etc: *It's not far. It'll take you about ten minutes on foot. | **go on foot** The bus left us at the bottom of the hill, and we went the rest of the way on foot.*

## 2 to walk quickly

- ▶ **stride**
- ▶ **march**
- ▶ **pace**

**stride** /straɪd/ [v I] to walk quickly, taking big steps, in an angry, determined or confident way **+ into/out of/towards etc** *Brian strode out of the room without speaking. | The Principal came striding towards me, and shook my hand.*

**march** /mɑːtʃ/ [v I] to walk quickly and with firm steps, especially because you feel angry or determined **+ into/off/towards etc** *Sheila marched straight into the office and demanded an apology. | 'I'll never forgive you for this,' Marge said, and she marched off without a backward glance.*

**pace** /peɪs/ [v I/T] to walk backwards and forwards within a small area, especially because you are nervous, bored, or angry **pace back and forth/up and down** *'We're going to be late,' Jordan said irritably, pacing up and down the room. | Sarah paced back and forth along the corridor, waiting for the doctor to come back. | A lion paced up and down the cage, growling. | **pace the room/floor etc** Meryl was also awake, pacing the floor in her dressing-gown.*

## 3 to walk slowly in a relaxed way

- ▶ **stroll**
- ▶ **amble**
- ▶ **saunter**

**stroll** /strɔːl/ [v I] to walk in a slow and relaxed way, especially for pleasure **+ along/through/around etc** *They strolled along the riverbank, enjoying the evening sun. | We drove to Penrhyn Castle, and strolled around the beautiful gardens there.*

**amble** /'æmbəl/ [v I] to walk in a slow and relaxed way, especially when you are going a short distance, or not going anywhere in particular **+ across/along/towards etc** *An old man appeared from behind the house and ambled across the yard. | One of the horses, a white one, slowly ambled towards me. | Cecil was ambling along as usual without a care in the world.*

**saunter** /'sɔːntər/ [v I] to walk in a slow and lazy way, often when you should be hurrying to do something **+ down/into/across etc** *'Shouldn't you be in class?' Mr Harris asked the girls who were sauntering down the corridor. | I sauntered into the garden, where some friends were chatting near the barbecue. | As usual, Ron sauntered into the office twenty minutes late.*

## 4 to walk slowly because you are tired

- ▶ **trudge/plod**
- ▶ **traipse**

**trudge/plod** /trʌdʒ, plɒd||plɑːd/ [v I] to walk slowly and with heavy steps, especially because you are



tired, it is difficult to walk, or you do not want to go somewhere + **through/back/along etc** *She trudged back up the hill, loaded down with heavy bags of groceries. | We trudged to school through the snow, wishing we could be playing in it. | The donkey was plodding slowly along under its heavy load.*

**traipse** /treɪps/ [v l] to walk a long way, especially when you are looking for something or visiting different places, so that you become tired + **around/about/in and out etc** *We traipsed around every store in town, trying to find the right color paint. | Traipsing round museums all day is not my idea of fun.*

## 5 to walk slowly because you are in pain or weak

▶ hobble  
▶ limp

▶ shuffle  
▶ shamble

**hobble** /ˈhɒbəl/ [v l] to walk with difficulty in a slow and unsteady way because it is painful for you to walk: *My knee was stiff and painful, and I could only hobble. | + across/along/towards etc Aunt Sophy hobbled slowly across the room on her crutches.*

**limp** /lɪmp/ [v l] to walk with difficulty because you have hurt one of your legs: *I noticed that one of the horses was limping, and called for the vet. | + along/over/towards etc She limped painfully over to a chair and sat down. — a limp [n singular] a limping movement: Josie walked with a slight limp.*

**shuffle** /ˈʃʌfəl/ [v l] to walk slowly and noisily, without lifting your feet off the ground properly + **along/towards/down etc** *Supporting herself on Ali's arm, the old woman shuffled towards the door. | I heard Bob shuffling around the kitchen in his slippers.*

**shamble** /ˈʃæmbəl/ [v l] to walk slowly and rather awkwardly, bending forwards in a tired or lazy way + **along/past/out etc** *Looking tired and fat, Parker shambling onto the stage and started playing. | An old tramp shambling along, looking for money or cigarette ends on the floor.*

## 6 to walk in an unsteady way

▶ stagger  
▶ stumble

▶ lurch

**stagger** /ˈstæɡər/ [v l] to walk very unsteadily, with your body moving from side to side and almost falling, especially because you are injured, very tired, or drunk + **in/out/home etc** *Something hit me on the head, and I staggered across the room. | My father was staggering under the weight of a huge parcel.*

**stumble** /ˈstʌmbəl/ [v l] to walk unsteadily, often hitting things with your feet and almost falling, especially because it is dark, the ground is uneven, or because you are tired or drunk + **in/out/across etc** *The room was dark, and Stan nearly fell over a chair as he stumbled to the phone. | I finished the whiskey, then stumbled upstairs and into bed.*

**lurch** /lɜːrtʃ/ [v l] to walk very unsteadily, moving forward or from side to side with sudden, irregular movements + **backwards/towards/forwards etc** *Paul lurched sideways as the boat rolled suddenly. | Harriet lurched towards the bathroom, clutching her stomach in pain.*

## 7 to walk with heavy, noisy steps

▶ stomp

▶ clump

**stomp** /stɒmp/ [v l] to walk with heavy steps, making a lot of noise to show that you are angry + **out/away/off etc** *My sister stomped out of the house, slamming the door behind her. | Kevin looked furious as he stomped into his office. 'What the hell is going on here?' he yelled.*

**clump** /klʌmp/ [v l] to walk with slow, heavy, noisy steps, for example because you are wearing heavy shoes + **up/about/across etc** *The three of us clumped up the steps in our heavy ski boots. | The walls are so thin we can hear the man next door clumping about all day.*

## 8 to walk quietly

▶ tiptoe  
▶ creep

▶ sneak  
▶ pad

**tiptoe** /ˈtiptəʊ/ [v l] to walk on your toes because you do not want to make any noise + **into/out of/past etc** *He tiptoed out of the room, trying not to wake the baby. | I tiptoed along the passage to Claire's door and peeped in.*

**creep** /kriːp/ [v l] to walk quietly and carefully because you do not want anyone to notice you + **in/through/across etc** *Ron unlocked the back door and crept out into the yard. | No-one noticed that the little boy had crept into the room and was sitting there, listening. | creep/sneak up behind sb (=walk quietly up behind someone in order to surprise them) She crept up behind him and put her hands over his eyes.*

**sneak** /sniːk/ [v l] to walk quietly so that no-one notices you, especially because you are doing something wrong and do not want to be caught + **in/up/around etc** *The thieves sneaked in while the guard had his back turned. | Molly snuck around the house. | sneak off (=sneak away from a place) We tried to sneak off from work early.*

**pad** /pæd/ [v l] to walk quietly and steadily, without shoes or with soft shoes, or on a soft surface + **along/down/in etc** *Michelle got out of bed, and padded across to the window. | The cat came padding softly across the kitchen floor, and jumped onto my lap.*

## 9 to walk proudly

▶ swagger  
▶ strut

▶ parade

**swagger** /ˈswægər/ [v l] to walk proudly, swinging your shoulders, in a way that shows too much self-confidence + **into/down/across etc** *Ali swaggered arrogantly into the boxing ring, as if he had already won the fight. | Sally's boyfriend came swaggering down the steps with his hands in his pockets. — swagger [n singular] Bernard left the room with a swagger, clearly pleased with himself.*

**strut** /strʌt/ [v l] to walk proudly with your head high, shoulders back, and chest pushed forwards in a way that shows you think you are important or impressive + **in/through/around etc** *He strutted across the stage like Mick Jagger. | The hotel was full of rich people strutting around in fur coats and Rolex watches.*

**parade** /pəˈreɪd/ [v l] to walk proudly around a place, in a way that shows you want people to notice and admire you + **around/through/up etc** *On Sunday mornings, fashionable young couples parade up and down the Boulevard St Michel.*



## 10 to walk without going in one particular direction

- ▶ walk around
- ▶ wander
- ▶ roam
- ▶ prowl

**walk around** ALSO **walk round** British /ˌwɔːk əˈraʊnd, ˌwɔːk ˈraʊnd/ [phr v I/T] *I keep seeing these two strange men walking around. I'm sure they're up to something. | We walked round the market for a while, and then we went to the beach.*

**wander** /ˈwɒndəːr/ ˈwɑːn-/ [v I/T] to walk around with no particular aim and in no particular direction, especially in a place you do not know or when you are lost + **about/around/through etc** *For an hour and a half we wandered around the old city, totally lost. | We wandered along the river bank, looking for a place to cross. | wander the streets/hills/town etc* *After dinner Carol left the hotel to wander the crowded streets.*

**roam** /rəʊm/ [v I/T] to walk around freely and with no particular aim + **about/around/over etc** *Tourists love roaming about the old town. | Great herds of wild deer roam freely over the hills. | roam the streets/desert/hills etc* *Residents of the Red Hall estate claim to be living in fear of gangs who roam the streets after dark.*

**prowl** /praʊl/ [v I/T] to quietly walk around an area or building, trying not to be seen or heard, especially in order to steal something or attack someone + **around/round** *Several wolves prowled round the camp, but were kept at bay by the fire. | The babysitter said she could hear someone prowling around in the garden. | prowl the streets/neighbourhood/city etc* *Police have warned the public that the killer may still be prowling the streets.*

## 11 to walk for pleasure or exercise

- ▶ walk
- ▶ go for a walk/take a walk
- ▶ go for a stroll
- ▶ hike
- ▶ trek
- ▶ stretch your legs
- ▶ walk the dog

**walk** /wɔːk/ [v I] *Walking instead of driving is an excellent way of losing weight. | + in/across/along etc* *Sheena's up at six every morning to walk along the beach. | I like to go walking in the woods, just to breathe the air. — walker* [n C] *The park was full of Sunday afternoon walkers.*

**go for a walk/take a walk** /ˌgəʊ fər ə ˈwɔːk, ˈteɪk ə ˈwɔːk/ [v phrase] to walk somewhere for pleasure or for exercise. **Go for a walk** is more common in spoken English than **take a walk**: *It's a lovely evening. Let's go for a walk. | + along/through/across etc* *He said he was going for a walk around the block to clear his head. | We arrived in St Louis at noon, and took a walk down by the Mississippi River.*

**go for a stroll** /ˌgəʊ fər ə ˈstrɔːl/ [v phrase] to walk in a slow and relaxed way, especially for pleasure + **along/through/across etc** *Dave strolled along the riverbank, enjoying the evening sun. | They decided to go for a stroll along the beach.*

**hike** /haɪk/ [v I] to take a long walk in the countryside: *Patricia likes doing active things like canoeing, hiking, and horse-riding. | We're going to hike to the top of that hill over there. | go hiking* *We're going hiking in Scotland this summer.*

**trek** /trek/ [v I] especially British to walk a very long way, especially in the mountains, for enjoyment: *We trekked up Mount Calahi for five days. | The scouts*

*will have to trek 40km back to the base camp. | go trekking* *Maria's going trekking in the Himalayas this year.*

**stretch your legs** /ˌstretʃ ʃɔːr ˈlegz/ [v phrase] to walk around for a little exercise after a long time sitting down: *After so long on the train, we couldn't wait to get out and stretch our legs. | Do you feel like stopping here and stretching your legs?*

**walk the dog** /ˌwɔːk ðə ˈdɒg/ ˈdɔːg/ [v phrase] to take your dog for a walk: *I get quite a lot of exercise myself by walking the dog. | Geoff wants a Walkman for when he walks the dogs.*

## 12 to walk through water

- ▶ wade
- ▶ paddle

**wade** /weɪd/ [v I] to walk through deep water + **across/towards/through etc** *They waded across the river.*

**paddle** British /**wade** American /ˈpædl, weɪd/ [v I] to walk in water that is not very deep, for enjoyment: *One of my earliest memories is paddling in the sea with my parents. | Ryan took off his shoes and socks to wade in the stream.*

## 13 to walk with regular steps with other people

- ▶ march
- ▶ in step

**march** /mɑːrtʃ/ [v I] if soldiers **march**, they all walk together with regular steps **into/through/past etc** *Thousands of US soldiers marched through the streets of Paris.*

**in step** /ɪn ˈstep/ [adv] if a group of people walk **in step**, they walk at the same speed and move their feet forward at exactly the same time: *The regiment had finally learned to march in step. | + with* *Steve wasn't walking in step with the rest of the class.*

## 14 to walk slowly and carefully

- ▶ pick your way
- ▶ edge

**pick your way** /ˌpɪk ʃɔːr ˈweɪ/ [v phrase] to walk carefully and slowly because the ground is not level or because you have to step over things, lifting your feet higher off the ground than usual + **over/through/across etc** *The boy began to pick his way over the rocks towards the ocean. | I picked my way across the crowded field, towards the main stage.*

**edge** /edʒ/ [v I] to walk slowly and carefully, especially sideways, along or through a small space, because you do not have enough room to walk normally: *Mervyn edged sideways through the front door, which seemed to be stuck. | edge your way* *Edging my way through the crowd, I eventually managed to get to the bar.*

## 15 a trip that you make by walking

- ▶ walk
- ▶ hike
- ▶ trek

**walk** /wɔːk/ [n C] a journey that you make by walking, either for pleasure or exercise, or in order to go somewhere: *It was a pleasant walk, under cool, shady trees. | Emily enjoyed her walks in the park with her father. | go for a walk (=walk for pleasure or exercise)* *I love going for walks in the countryside.*



**hike** /haɪk/ [n C] a long walk in the countryside: *They set off on a 10 mile hike across the island.* | *The hike back was through the first real jungle I had ever been in.* | **go on a hike** *We went on lots of great hikes.*

**trek** /trek/ [n C] a long and difficult walk in the country, mountains, desert etc: *You'll need a guide for your treks in the mountains.* | *I took my backpack and joined some Egyptian friends for a trek in the Sahara.* | *The trek to the campsite was along bush tracks and down cliffs.*

## 16 a single movement when you are walking

- ▶ step
- ▶ footstep
- ▶ pace
- ▶ stride

**step** /step/ [n C] the single movement that you make when you put one foot in front of the other when you are walking: *I was so breathless, I could only manage a few steps.* | **take a step** *Zoe took a step forward to let the man pass.* | **with short/heavy/light etc steps** *She walked briskly, with quick, short steps.*

**footstep** /'fʊtstep/ [n C usually plural] the sound of someone's foot being placed on the ground when they are walking or running: *Suddenly Rachel heard footsteps behind her in the dark street.* | *I could always recognise my mother's footsteps as she scurried up the stairs.*

**pace** /peɪs/ [n C] the distance you go when you take a single step: *He took a couple of paces forward, then stopped.* | *Eddie walked a few paces behind his mother, his head hung low.* | *I'd gone about ten paces, when I heard a strange sound behind me.*

**stride** /straɪd/ [n C] a long step you take when you are walking quickly: *In four angry strides, Stuart was through the front gate.* | *Doctor Jameson hurried past us, taking long strides.*

## 17 the way someone walks

- ▶ walk
- ▶ gait

**walk** /wɔ:k/ [n singular] *The woman's stiff, agitated walk showed how nervous she was.* | *Janet had the slow, leaning walk of an expectant mother.*

**gait** /geɪt/ [n singular] written the way someone walks, especially when it is a little strange or unusual: *Melanie walked with the slightly awkward gait of a very tall person.* | *The old man approached the counter with a stooped, shuffling gait.*

## 18 someone who is walking

- ▶ pedestrian
- ▶ walker/hiker

**pedestrian** /pɪ'destriən/ [n C] someone who is walking in a town, rather than travelling in a car, bus etc: *Banning traffic from the shopping areas has made life much more pleasant for pedestrians.* | *The man lost control of his car, killing a pedestrian.*

**walker/hiker** /'wɔ:kə, 'haɪkə/ [n C] someone who walks long distances in the countryside for pleasure: *There's a rough track through the woods for riders and walkers.* | *They ran a hostel for hikers in the White Mountains.*

# want/not want

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **prefer, willing, need/necessary, like/not like**

## 1 to want something or want to do something

- ▶ want
- ▶ would like
- ▶ feel like
- ▶ wouldn't mind
- ▶ wish
- ▶ I wouldn't say no
- ▶ be interested in
- ▶ fancy
- ▶ take your fancy

**want** /wɒnt||waɪnt, wɔ:nt/ [v I/T not in progressive or passive] *My parents moved out of London because they wanted a bigger house.* | *Do you want milk in your coffee?* | **+ to do sth** *What do you want to do at the weekend?* | *Stacey wants to be a doctor.* | **want sb to do sth** *She wants Tom to come to her party.* | **what sb wants is** *What we want is a car that's cheap and reliable.* | **if you want (to)** *You can go back to bed for a while if you want.*

**would like** /wʊd 'laɪk/ [v T] especially spoken use this as a polite way of asking for something, offering something, or saying what you want to do: *We'd like some information about flights to Chicago, please.* | *Would you like some more coffee?* | **+ to do sth** *I'd like to reserve a room for Saturday.* | *Would you like to borrow this book?* | **would like sb to do sth** *We would like you to attend an interview at 3:30 on Friday.*

**feel like** /'fi:l laɪk/ [v phrase not in progressive or passive] especially spoken to want to have something or do something, because you think you would enjoy it: *I feel like a long, hot soak in the bath.* | *It's a lovely day - do you feel like a walk?* | **feel like doing sth** *I feel like watching a movie tonight.*

**wouldn't mind** /,wʊdnt 'maɪnd/ [v phrase] spoken to want to do or have something, but not very strongly: *I wouldn't mind another cup of coffee.* *How about you?* | **I wouldn't mind doing sth** *It was a really good play. I wouldn't mind seeing it again.*

**wish** /wɪʃ/ [v I/T not in progressive or passive] formal to want to do something **+ to do sth** *I wish to purchase a second house in the UK for investment purposes.* | *Anyone wishing to order the book should send a cheque to the publishers.* | **if you wish** *Everyone has the right to smoke if they wish, but not the right to ruin the health of those around them.*

**I wouldn't say no** /aɪ ,wʊdnt seɪ 'nəʊ/ say this when you would like to do or have something: *'How about a girls' night out on the town?' 'I wouldn't say no!'* | **+ to** *I wouldn't say no to a glass of whisky!*

**be interested in** /bi: 'ɪntrɪstɪd ɪn/ [v phrase] to think that you may want to do something, buy something, or get involved in something: *Melanie wants to be a lawyer, and Sam's interested in a career in teaching.* | **be interested in doing sth** *We're interested in buying an apartment downtown.* | *Would you be interested in going to the theatre with me on Friday? I have two tickets for 'The King and I'.*

**fancy** /'fænsi/ [v T not in progressive or passive] British informal to want to have or do something: *Do you fancy a drink?* | *I think he's always fancied a car like Lizzie's.* | **fancy doing sth** *I really fancy going for a swim.*

**take your fancy** /,teɪk jɔ: 'fænsi/ [v phrase not in progressive] informal if something takes your fancy, you



want to do or have it as soon as you see it or think of it: *We could go to the movies or go out for a meal – whatever takes your fancy.* | *She wandered around the market stalls, stopping occasionally to look at something that took her fancy.*

## 2 to want something very much

- ▶ **wish**
- ▶ **would love**
- ▶ **would do anything/would give anything/would give your right arm**
- ▶ **be anxious to do sth**
- ▶ **be dying**
- ▶ **be desperate**
- ▶ **can't wait**
- ▶ **be itching to do sth**
- ▶ **need**
- ▶ **crave**
- ▶ **be eager to do sth**

**wish** /wɪʃ/ [v T not in progressive or passive] to want something to happen, when it is unlikely or impossible that it will happen, or when you cannot control what will happen + (that) *I wish I had a car like that.* | *Beth wished she could stay there forever.* | **wish sb/sth would do sth** *I wish they would turn that music down.*

**would love** /wʊd 'lʌv/ [v phrase] especially spoken to want something very much, and feel that you would be happy if you had it: *I would love a cup of coffee.* | **would love to do sth** *She would love to have children, but she hasn't met the right man.* | *'Would you like to go on a Caribbean cruise?' 'I'd love to!'* | **would love sb to do sth** *My mother would love me to come and live in New York with her.*

**would do anything/would give anything/would give your right arm** /wʊd du: 'eniθɪŋ, wʊd ,gɪv 'eniθɪŋ, wʊd ,gɪv jɔ: 'raɪt 'ɑ:rm/ [v phrase] if you say that you **would do anything**, **would give anything** or **would give your right arm**, you mean you very much want to have something or do something, especially something that is impossible to get or do + **for** *I would do anything for a drink right now!* | *I would give anything for a look at that file.* | + **to do sth** *When she first started writing, she would have done anything to get an article printed.* | *I'd give my right arm to be 21 again.*

**be eager to do sth** ALSO **be keen to do sth** British /bi: 'i:ɡər tə 'du: (sth), bi: 'ki:n tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] to want to do something very much, especially because you think it will be interesting or enjoyable or it will help other people: *He's really keen to meet you.* | *I was eager to get my hands on these rare recordings.* | *Donna is very eager to prove her worth to the group.* | **be keen for sb to do sth** *My parents were keen for me to be independent, and let me have a lot of freedom.*

**be anxious to do sth** /bi: 'æŋkʃəs tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] to want very much to do or achieve something, so that you make a great effort: *Miles was anxious to gain his boss's approval, and was always the last to leave the office in the evening.* | *A newly-arrived executive is usually anxious to make his mark in a new firm.* | **be anxious for sb/sth to do sth** *After the war, the government was anxious for the tourist industry to be revived.*

**be dying** /bi: 'daɪ-ɪŋ/ [v phrase] to want something very much, and feel that you must have it or do it immediately + **to do sth** *I'm dying to meet Lisa's new boyfriend.* | + **for** *I'm dying for a drink – let's go to a bar.*

**be desperate** /bi: 'despərɪt/ [v phrase] especially British to want or need something so much that you will be very unhappy or disappointed if you do not get it: *I could see that they were desperate and needed help.* | + **to do sth** *After having four boys, the couple*

*were desperate to have a little girl.* | *We were desperate to view the inside of the house once we saw the garden.* | + **for** *Newspapers are always desperate for stories.*

**can't wait** /,kɑ:nt 'weɪt||kænt-/ [v phrase] spoken say this when you want something to happen as soon as possible, because you know you will enjoy it and you are very excited about it: *'You're going on holiday soon, aren't you?' 'Yes, I can't wait.'* | **I can't wait to do sth** *I can't wait to see Bill again – it's been a long time.* | + **for** *I can't wait for Christmas.*

**be itching to do sth** /bi: 'ɪtʃɪŋ tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] to be impatient to do something that you are excited about, especially something you have not done before: *She's just itching to tell you about her new boyfriend.* | *Despite her success, however, it just wasn't much fun anymore. Liz was itching to try something different.*

**need** /ni:d/ [v T not in progressive or passive] a word used especially in spoken English meaning to want something very much, especially something to eat, drink etc: *I need a drink – coming to the bar?* | *Dave's been working really hard – he needs a holiday.*

**crave** /kreɪv/ [v T] to want as much of something as you can get, especially food, attention, or a drug: *I've always craved love and acceptance.* | *The review gave Picasso a taste of the recognition he craved.*

## 3 to want something very much and be determined to get it

- ▶ **set your sights on**
- ▶ **set your heart on**

▶ see also **determined**

**set your sights on** /,set jɔ: 'saɪts ɒn/ [v phrase] to decide that you want something that will be hard for you to get, and to make a very determined effort to achieve it: *Now she's set her sights on the manager's job, nothing will stop her.* | *Quite consciously, I set my sights on the best-looking boy in the whole school.*

**set your heart on** /,set jɔ: 'hɑ:t ɒn/ [v phrase] to want something so much that you will be very disappointed if you cannot have it or get it: *We've set our hearts on this little house in the country.* | **set your heart on doing sth** *I had set my heart on becoming a pilot.*

## 4 to want something that you are very unlikely to get

- ▶ **dream of**
- ▶ **long**
- ▶ **yearn**
- ▶ **hanker after/for sth**

**dream of** /'dri:m ɒv/ [v T] to want something that you have wanted for a long time, but which you are unlikely to get: *It was the kind of house I'd always dreamed of having.* | *To think that what I've dreamt of all my life is coming true!* | **dream of doing sth** *She dreamt of becoming a famous novelist.* | *Every jazz-lover at some time of his life has dreamed of assembling a band of his own favourite musicians.*

**long** /lɒŋ||lɔ:ŋ/ [v I] to very much want to have something or do something, especially when this used to happen or exist in the past, or when it may do in the future – used especially in stories or literature + **for** *He longed for the good old days when teachers were shown respect.* | *He was longing for everyone to leave, so that he could think in peace about what had happened that day.* | + **to do sth** *More than anything, I long to have someone who loves me for myself.* — **longed-for** /'lɒŋd fɔ: 'lɔ:ŋd-/ [adj only before noun]



*The day of the longed-for visit (=that people had been longing for) eventually arrived.*

**yearn** /jɜːrn/ [v I] to want something so much that you do not feel happy or complete without it + **for** *The people yearned for peace, and the chance to rebuild their shattered lives.* | *Hannah yearned for a child, and felt desperately sad whenever she saw other women with their babies.* | + **to do sth** *I have always yearned to travel.*

**hanker after/for sth** /'hæŋkər ɑːftər, fər (sth) ɪ-æf-/ [phr v T] to want something that you are unlikely to get very much, especially secretly, and over a long period of time: *Paula had always hankered after a traditional white wedding.* | *I had a good job and a nice apartment, but I still hankered for the country life.*

## 5 to have an aim in life that you want to achieve

- ▶ **want**
- ▶ **would-be**
- ▶ **aspire to**
- ▶ **aspiring**

▶ see also **ambitious**

**want** /wɒnt//waɪnt, wɔɪnt/ [v T not in progressive or passive] **to be sth** *What do you want to be when you grow up, Clare?* | *You don't really want to be a hairdresser, do you?* | **to do sth** *I never want to work in a factory, having seen the effect it had on my father.* | *I want to see life, to travel the world, and write about what I see.*

**aspire to** /ə'spaɪər tuː/ [v phrase] formal to want a better job, way of life, position etc than the one you have now: *She was a struggling writer aspiring to fame.* | *He aspired to artistic perfection in all his paintings.* | **aspire to do sth** *He aspired to become President.*

**would-be** ALSO **wannabe** informal /'wʊd biː, 'wɒnə-biː/ [adj only before noun] **would-be actor/writer etc** someone who hopes to be an actor, writer etc: *The Drama Centre is a great help for all would-be actors and actresses.* | *Moon beat all the other wannabe quarterbacks, and was signed by the Seattle Seahawks.*

**aspiring** /ə'spaɪərɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] **aspiring teacher/model/poet etc** someone who wants to be a teacher, model, poet etc and is just starting work or training: *a part-time course for aspiring chefs* | *Like a lot of aspiring New York artists, Lara worked in bars and restaurants in the evenings.*

## 6 a feeling that you want to do or have something

- ▶ **desire**
- ▶ **wish**
- ▶ **longing/yearning**
- ▶ **craving**
- ▶ **lust**
- ▶ **appetite**
- ▶ **temptation**
- ▶ **compulsion**

**desire** /dɪ'zaɪər/ [n C] especially written a strong feeling of wanting to have something or wanting to do something, especially something important, which makes you try very hard to have it or do it + **to do sth** *Young children have a keen desire to learn and succeed.* | + **for** *After so many years of war, there was a great desire for peace.* | **a strong/keen/burning desire** *Young Peryoux left home for Paris, armed with a guitar, and a burning desire to succeed.*

**wish** /wɪʃ/ [n C] formal something that you want to happen, especially when this is very important to you: *His last wish was that his body should be buried in his home town.* | **sb's dearest/greatest wish** (=the

thing they want most of all) *She always wanted to see her grandchildren again – it was her dearest wish.*

**longing/yearning** /'lɒŋɪŋ//lɔːɪŋ-, 'jɜːrniŋ/ [n C/U] a very strong and long-lasting desire for something that you are unlikely to get – used especially in stories and literature + **for** *She felt a great longing for the sights, sounds and smells of home.* | *The story gives a sensitive account of Paul's innocent yearning for love and affection.* | + **to do sth** *At 18 I had a strong yearning to leave my small town, and see the world.*

**craving** /'kreɪvɪŋ/ [n C] a very strong and uncontrollable desire to have something that you think about all the time, especially food, attention, or a drug: *After a week without smoking, the craving began to disappear.* | + **for** *The symptoms include a craving for sweet foods.*

**lust** /lʌst/ [n C/U] a very strong desire to have something, such as money or power, that can make you do evil things to get what you want + **for** *Throughout his career he was motivated by a lust for power.* | *Her lust for money is insatiable.*

**appetite** /'æpə'taɪt/ [n C] a strong desire to have something regularly or do something regularly + **for** *He has a tremendous appetite for hard work.* | **insatiable appetite** (=extremely strong appetite) *The public has an insatiable appetite for scandal and political controversy.* | **whet sb's appetite** (=make it stronger) *The dangers of the climb up Mt. Washington only whetted our appetite for more adventure.*

**temptation** /temp'teɪʃən/ [n C] a strong desire to do something, even though you know it is wrong, dangerous, unnecessary etc + **to do sth** *There is always a temptation to blame others for your own problems.* | **resist the temptation** (=not do something, even though you want to) *Resist the temptation to get involved. After all, it's not your problem.* | **give in to temptation** (=to do something, after trying not to) *In the end, he gave in to temptation, and lit his first cigarette in five days.*

**compulsion** /kəm'pʌlʃən/ [n C] an extremely strong desire, usually an unreasonable one, that is difficult or impossible to control: *The patient had a compulsion that caused him to wash his hands 20 or 30 times a day.* | + **to do sth** *He felt a sudden compulsion to laugh out loud.*

## 7 a sudden feeling of wanting something

- ▶ **urge**
- ▶ **whim**
- ▶ **impulse**

**urge** /ɜːr'dʒ/ [n C] a sudden strong feeling that you want to do something, especially a feeling that is difficult to control + **to do sth** *She was seized with the urge to drag Alice from her chair and shake her.* | **feel/have an urge** *I felt a sudden urge to tell him all my problems.* | **fight an urge** (=try not to do something) *He was fighting the urge to drink as he waited for her to come down.* | **resist an urge** (=not do something, even though you want to) *Sheena resisted the urge to get in her car and go home.*

**whim** /wɪm/ [n C] a sudden feeling that you would like to do something, especially when this is not sensible or when there is no reason at all to do it: *I don't know why I bought it. I suppose it was just a whim.* | **do sth on a whim** (=do something because you feel a whim) *I went to visit her on a whim.*

**impulse** /'ɪmpʌls/ [n C] a sudden strong desire to do something before thinking about whether it is the right or sensible thing to do: *My first impulse was to go straight to Henry and tell him my news, but on*



reflection *I thought better of it.* | *He has to learn to control his violent impulses.* | **on (an) impulse** (=because you feel an impulse) *It was an outfit that I had bought on impulse, and never worn.*

## 8 something that you want to achieve in your life

- ▶ dream
- ▶ ambition
- ▶ goal
- ▶ target
- ▶ aspirations

▶ see also **purpose (1)**

**dream** /dri:m/ [n C] something very special that you want to do and that you think about a lot, especially something that is not very likely to happen **sb's dream is to do sth** *Her dream was to go to Hollywood and become a movie star.* | **dream of doing sth** *After the accident, Clarke had to give up his dream of becoming a racing driver.* | **sb's dream comes true** (=they finally do what they want) *Last year her dream came true and she was offered a chance to study in America.*

**ambition** /æm'biʃən/ [n C] something which you want to achieve in the future, especially in your work, and which you will try hard to achieve **sb's ambition is to do sth** *Her ambition was to go to law school and become an attorney.* | **achieve/fulfil your ambition** (=finally do what you wanted to do) *Earlier this year, he achieved his ambition of competing in the Olympic games.*

**goal** /gəʊl/ [n C] something important that a person, company, or government hopes to achieve in the future, even though it may take a long time **achieve/reach a goal** *By 1975, they had achieved their goal of providing free education for every child.* | **sb's goal is to do sth** *Our goal is to become the biggest-selling brand of coffee in the country.* | **short-term goal/long-term goal** (=one that you hope to achieve soon/a long time in the future) *I took a job as a teacher with the long-term goal of becoming a principal of a school.*

**target** /'tɑ:rgɪt/ [n C] a particular amount or total that you want to achieve, for example an amount of products you must sell or produce: *We produced 16,000 cars this year, but our target was 17,500.* | **achieve/reach/meet a target** *The Government is struggling to reach its target of \$23 billion in spending cuts.* | **set (sb) a target** (=say what the target is) *I set myself a target of learning 20 new words each week.*

**aspirations** /æspɪ'reɪʃənz/ [n plural] a word meaning the important things that people want from their lives, used especially when you are talking about all of society or large groups within it: *A government should reflect the hopes, values and aspirations of society.* | *the aspirations of the people of Eastern Europe* | **+ for** *What are our aspirations for the future?* | *The parents have very high aspirations for their children.* | **career/democratic/economic/political etc aspirations** *a handsome and rich young senator with presidential aspirations* | **high aspirations** *The immigrants who came to settle in America were determined people with high aspirations.*

## 9 to not want to do or have something

- ▶ not want
- ▶ not feel like doing sth
- ▶ I'd rather not
- ▶ be unwilling to do sth
- ▶ you are welcome to sth/you can keep sth
- ▶ have no desire to do sth
- ▶ I'd rather die

**not want** /nɒt 'wɒnt/-'waɪnt/ [v phrase] **+ to do sth** *She doesn't want to see me anymore.* | *We asked him to come with us, but he said he didn't want to.* | **not want sb to do sth** *'Why didn't he tell me he was sick?' 'He didn't want you to worry.'*

**not feel like doing sth** /nɒt fi:l laɪk 'du:ɪŋ (sth)/ [v phrase] especially spoken to not want to do something, especially because you think you would not enjoy it or because you feel too lazy: *I don't feel like writing that essay today.* | *Some days she just doesn't feel like going to work.*

**I'd rather not** /aɪd ,rɑ:ðər 'nɒt/-,ræ-/ spoken say this when you do not want to do something, especially because you think it may cause problems for you: *I could lend him the money, but to be honest, I'd rather not.* | **I'd rather not do sth** *I'd rather not talk about it right now.*

**be unwilling to do sth** /bi: ʌn,wɪlɪŋ tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] formal to not want to do something, even though you should do it or someone wants you to do it: *She is unwilling to admit that she was wrong.* | *Most people here are unwilling to give up their cars and use buses and trains instead.*

**you are welcome to sth/you can keep sth** /ju: ɑ:r 'welkəm tə (sth), ju: kən 'ki:p (sth)/ informal you say that someone is welcome to something when you do not like it and you are happy for them to have it instead of you: *She's welcome to her smart friends and glittering parties – I'll take the quiet life anytime.* | *He can keep his money – he's not going to bribe me!*

**have no desire to do sth** /hæv ,nəʊ dɪ,zəɪər tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] formal to not want to do something, especially something that you are being asked or forced to do: *Sarah had been to Harlow before, and had no desire to go there again.* | *Richards tried to enlist my support, but I had no desire to get involved.*

**I'd rather die** /aɪd ,rɑ:ðər 'daɪ/-,ræ-/ spoken use this to say strongly that you really do not want to do something that someone has suggested or mentioned: *Apologize to that creep! I'd rather die!*

## 10 something that you do not want

- ▶ undesirable
- ▶ unwanted
- ▶ unwelcome

**undesirable** /ˌʌndɪ'zəɪərəbəl/ [adj] something that is undesirable is not wanted because it could affect a person or situation in a bad way: *The drug is effective, but has undesirable side effects, and long-term use can result in liver damage.* | **undesirable consequences/effects** *The incident could have undesirable consequences for the government.* | *Environmentalists claim that the development will have undesirable effects on animal habitats in the area.*

**unwanted** /ʌn'wɒntɪd/-'wɒnt-, -'waɪnt-/ [adj] use this about something that you are given or that happens to you that you do not want and did not ask for: *There are several ways that you can remove unwanted hair, including waxing or electrolysis at a salon.* | *Jones claimed that the President made unwanted sexual advances towards her, in a Little Rock hotel room.* | **unwanted pregnancy** *The pill was once expected to limit the number of unwanted pregnancies, but instead the number has soared.*

**unwelcome** /ʌn'welkəm/ [adj] likely to upset or cause problems for someone and therefore not wanted: *Philippides returned with the unwelcome news that the army would not be ready to march for several days.* | **unwelcome publicity/attention** *Environmentalists had been drawing unwelcome atten-*



tion to the discharge of radioactive waste from nuclear power-stations. | **unwelcome intruder/intrusion** Many people saw the immigrants as unwelcome intruders in their town. | **unwelcome visitors/guests/callers** Time is precious enough, without having to cope with unwanted visitors.

# war

## RELATED WORDS

opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **peace**  
 ▶ see also **fight, army, kill, attack, defend, rebellion/revolution, enemy, weapon, explode**

## 1 fighting between countries or armies

- |             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| ▶ war       | ▶ warfare     |
| ▶ conflict  | ▶ hostilities |
| ▶ rebellion | ▶ battle      |
| ▶ fighting  | ▶ skirmish    |

**war** /wɔːr/ [n C/U] a long period of fighting, when the armies, ships, and planes of two or more countries fight against each other: *the Vietnam War* | *When the war ended in 1945, Europe was in chaos.* | **win/lose a war** *Who won the Franco-Prussian War?* | **civil war** (=war between groups of people from the same country) *More Americans died in the Civil War than in World War II.* | **+ against/with** *Iran's seven-year war with Iraq* | **war breaks out** (=war begins) *In 1874, war broke out in Europe again.* | **the outbreak of war** (=the time when a war begins) *In the months leading up to the outbreak of war, both countries were involved in a massive arms build-up.* | **war hero** *a war hero and former fighter pilot* | **war veteran** (=a former soldier who fought in a war) *War veterans claim that they were exposed to chemical weapons while fighting in the Gulf.*

**conflict** /ˈkɒnflɪkt/ [n C/U] a situation in which two countries or groups are fighting against each other – used especially in news reports: *the conflict in the Middle East* | *Can this peace settlement bring an end to years of conflict?* | *The conflict began early in December 1994.*

**rebellion** /rɪˈbeljən/ [n C] an organized attempt to change or destroy the government by fighting against it: *The rebellion spread quickly through the Western Provinces.* | **+ against** *an armed rebellion against the government* | **crush/put down a rebellion** (=use force to stop it) *The army was brought in to crush the rebellion.*

**fighting** /ˈfaɪtɪŋ/ [n U] when soldiers fight against each other during a war or battle: *The UN had failed to stop the fighting in Rwanda.* | **heavy/fierce fighting** (=a lot of fighting when many people are hurt) *The streets of the capital are now quiet again, after three weeks of heavy fighting.* | **renewed fighting** (=fighting that starts again after it had stopped) *Some 15,000 people have fled the city, following renewed fighting.*

**warfare** /ˈwɔːrfeər/ [n U] the activity of fighting in a war – use this especially to talk about the methods of fighting that are used in war: *the history of modern warfare* | **nuclear/chemical warfare** (=fighting with nuclear bombs or poison gas) *a secret underground chemical warfare plant* | *Many people believe that what happened in 1940 was a British chemical warfare experiment that went wrong.* | **guerrilla warfare** (=when small unofficial military

groups fight against the government) *The rebels aimed to overthrow the government through protracted guerrilla warfare.*

**hostilities** /hɒˈstɪlɪtɪz/ [n plural] written when two armies or opposing groups are fighting: *Land mines maim and kill innocent people, long after hostilities have ceased.* | *Mexican forces were ordered to avoid all hostilities with the American troops.* | **end hostilities** *The two sides reach an agreement to end hostilities.* | **the start/outbreak of hostilities** *The Japanese navy scored a success only two days after the start of hostilities, by sinking two British battleships.*

**battle** /ˈbætl/ [n C] a fight in one area between two armies, or two groups of ships or planes: *a naval battle in the North Sea* | **+ of the** *Battle of the Somme* | **win/lose a battle** *The French lost the Battle of Agincourt in 1415.* | **die/be wounded/be killed in battle** *King Olaf died in battle, in 1030.* | **lead/send sb into battle** *Lyndon Johnson first sent U.S. combat troops into battle in March 1965.*

**skirmish** /ˈskɜːrmɪʃ/ [n C] a short, unplanned, and usually not very important fight between two small groups of soldiers: *Last night skirmishes were reported along the border.* | *Government soldiers ran into a group of rebels, and a skirmish followed.*

## 2 to fight in a war or be in a war

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| ▶ fight     | ▶ wage war |
| ▶ clash     | ▶ make war |
| ▶ be at war | ▶ warring  |

**fight** /faɪt/ [v I/T] to take part in a war or battle: *His grandfather fought on the Republican side in the Spanish Civil War.* | *The Boers were fighting the British at this time.* | **+ for** *Most of these young soldiers don't even know what they're fighting for.* | **+ in** *My grandfather fought in World War II.* | **fight a war/battle** *They were fighting a war of independence against a powerful enemy.*

**clash** /klæʃ/ [v I] if two armies or groups **clash**, they suddenly start fighting each other, especially for a short time – used especially in news reports: *Iranian and Iraqi troops clashed on the border.* | **+ with** *US planes clashed with enemy fighter aircraft again today.* — **clash** [n C] *border clashes between India and Pakistan*

**be at war** /biː ət ˈwɔːr/ [v phrase] if two countries **are at war** with each other, they are fighting a war against each other: *Europe had been at war for nearly two years.* | *He could not remember a time when his country had not been at war.* | **+ with** *In 1792 England was at war with America.*

**wage war** /ˌweɪdʒ ˈwɔːr/ [v phrase] to start and continue a war, especially for a long period: *In his speech he promised full support to wars of independence waged by colonial peoples.* | **+ on/against** *Many Americans now question whether the US should have waged war on Vietnam.*

**make war** /ˌmeɪk ˈwɔːr/ [v phrase] to fight a war, especially by suddenly attacking a country that does not threaten your country: *He believes that men make war because they are by nature aggressive.* | **+ on** *Throughout the nineteenth century the colonial powers made war on poorer countries in order to gain territory.*

**warring** /ˈwɔːrɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] **warring factions/nations/tribes/groups etc** nations etc that are fighting against each other: *Fighting between the various warring factions was destroying the country.* | *All attempts to reconcile the two warring groups have failed.*



### 3 to start a war

▶ declare war

▶ go to war

**declare war** /dɪˈkleər ‘wɔːr/ [v phrase] if a country **declares war** on another country, it makes an official public statement that it is going to fight a war against that country: *He was visiting his parents in Torino when war was declared.* | *Within hours of the incident, both countries had declared war.* | + on *In April the Americans declared war on Germany and entered the war.*

**go to war** /gəʊ tə ‘wɔːr/ [v phrase] if someone **goes to war** they leave home to fight in a war. If a country or group **goes to war** it begins to fight another country, group etc: *The women stayed at home and farmed the land, while the men went to war.* | *The two countries went to war over a small, but important, area of land.*

### 4 during a war

▶ wartime

▶ wartime

▶ in the war

▶ in action

**wartime** /‘wɔːrtaim/ [adj only before noun] during or relating to the time when there is a war: *He died on a wartime bombing mission.* | *My grandmother’s wartime experiences were still fresh in her memory.* | *She grew up in Africa, far away from the hardships of wartime Europe.* | *wartime President, Franklin D. Roosevelt*

**wartime** /‘wɔːrtaim/ [n U] the time when there is a war: *I longed for a bar of chocolate, but this was wartime, and such luxuries were not available.* | in **wartime** *the importance of secrecy in wartime*

**in the war** /ɪn ðə ‘wɔːr/ [adv] during the particular war that you are talking about: *What did your father do in the war?* | *Three of his brothers were killed in the First World War.*

**in action** /ɪn ‘ækʃən/ [adv] **be killed/wounded in action** to be killed or injured while fighting in a battle during a war – used especially in official military statements: *a memorial to the thousands of soldiers killed in action*

### 5 the place where a war is fought

▶ battlefield

▶ the front line/the front

▶ war zone

▶ the field (of battle)

▶ theatre

▶ war-torn

**battlefield** /‘bætlfi:ld/ [n C] the place where two armies fight a battle: *Thousands died on the battlefields of northern France.*

**the front line/the front** /ðə ˈfrʌnt ‘laɪn, ðə ‘frʌnt/ [n phrase] the place where an army is closest to the enemy and where the fighting takes place: *We were now just a few kilometres behind the front line.* | **the Western/Eastern/Russian etc front** *Her grandfather had four years on the Western Front.*

**war zone** /‘wɔːr zəʊn/ [n C] an area which is very dangerous because a war is being fought there: *the latest news from the war zone* | *Aid workers returning from the war zone reported seeing groups of rebels waving white flags.*

**the field (of battle)** /ðə ˈfi:ld (əv ‘bætl)/ [n singular] the time or the place where there is fighting – use this especially to talk about fighting in general **on the field of battle** *It is better to negotiate than to settle*

*political disputes on the field of battle.* | **in the field** *The new weapon has not yet been tried out in the field.* | *He was awarded a medal for distinguished service in the field.*

**theatre** British /**theater** American /‘θɪətər/ [n singular] a large area in which a war is being fought, especially when the war is taking place in several different areas or countries **Pacific/European/Middle East etc theatre** *It was in the Pacific theater of the war that the US won its first major victories.* | *Many of NATO’s nuclear weapons in the European theatre are obsolete.*

**war-torn** /‘wɔːr təːrɪn/ [adj only before noun] relating to an area where a lot of damage has been caused by war and fighting: *In 1941, Margaret E. Ray escaped war-torn France and landed in New York.* | *The plan offered long-term aid to war-torn Europe.*

### 6 the people you are fighting against in a war

▶ enemy

**enemy** /‘enəmi/ [n C] someone that you are fighting against in a war: *Even though these soldiers were our enemies, I felt desperately sorry for them.* | **the enemy** (=the army or country that your army or country is fighting against in a war) *They accused him of giving secret information to the enemy.*

### 7 someone who is keen to start a war

▶ warmonger

▶ militarist

▶ hawk

**warmonger** /‘wɔːr,mʌŋgər||,mɑːŋ-, -mɑːŋ-/ [n C] someone, especially a politician or a military leader, who is too keen to start wars or to settle arguments by starting a war: *Some saw him as a great statesman, but others saw him as a ruthless warmonger.*

**militarist** /‘mɪlɪtərɪst/ [n C] someone, especially a politician or a military leader, who is too keen to increase the size and power of their country’s armed forces so that it can attack other countries: *The militarists wanted Japan to invade China.*

**hawk** /hɔːk/ [n C] a person, especially a politician, who supports the use of military force and strong action in order to settle arguments with other countries: *The hawks in the government would never permit any talks with the enemy.* | *We don’t yet know whether the new President is a hawk or a dove* (=someone who prefers peaceful methods). — **hawkish** [adj] supporting the use of military force, even when other people think this is unnecessary: *the hawkish element in the opposition party*

## warn

#### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **advise, threaten, dangerous**

### 1 to warn someone about something

▶ warn

▶ give sb a warning

▶ warn off

▶ caution

▶ tip off

▶ alert

▶ sound/raise the alarm

▶ forewarn

▶ I told you!/I told you so!



**warn** /wɔːrən/ [v I/T] to tell someone about something unpleasant or dangerous that might happen, so that they can avoid it or prevent it: *We tried to warn her, but she refused to listen.* | *The consequences could be serious – I just wanted to warn you.* | **+ (that)** *The local people were warned that the volcano might erupt at any time.* | *We were warned there were going to be delays on the motorway, so we came back by a different route.* | **warn sb about sth** especially spoken *I was going for a swim, until the people in the hotel warned me about the jellyfish.* | **warn (sb) of sth** especially written *Weather forecasters warned of possible flooding in coastal regions.* | **warn sb (not) to do sth** *Police are warning drivers not to go out on the roads unless their journey is really necessary.* | **warn sb against doing sth** *Tourists are warned against going to remoter regions.*

**give sb a warning** /,gɪv (sb) ə 'wɔːrniŋ/ [v phrase] to tell someone that if they continue to behave in an unsatisfactory way, they will be punished: *So you've given her a warning about her conduct in future?* | **+ that** *The US gave a warning that, if the hostages were not released, they would be forced to take military action.* | **give sb a final warning** *One day Monica's boss gave her a final warning. If she messed up again, she was fired.*

**warn off** /,wɔːrən 'ɒf/ [phr v T] to try to prevent someone from doing something by warning them about the trouble or problems it could cause for them  
**warn sb off** *The army had put signs up around the area where the mines were, to warn people off.* | **warn sb off doing sth** *Even though we'd been warned off going into the mountains, we couldn't resist it.* | **warn off sb** *The female rattlesnake warns off intruders by making a loud noise.*

**caution** /'kɔːʃən/ [v T] formal to warn someone not to do something because it is likely to be dangerous or have a bad result: *'Be careful now,' Sarah cautioned. 'Don't do anything stupid.'* | **caution sb against doing sth** *The policeman cautioned the children against talking to strangers.* | **caution against (doing) sth** *Marshall cautioned against pouring millions of pounds into taking legal action when there was no guarantee of victory.*

**tip off** /,tɪp 'ɒf/ [phr v T] to warn someone about something that is going to happen, especially to warn the police about a crime, so that they can try to prevent it  
**be tipped off about** *The police had been tipped off about the gang's arrival.* | **be tipped off that** *Customs officers had been tipped off that the drugs were hidden in a child's rucksack.* | **tip sb off** *Someone must have tipped the press off about the princess's visit.* | **tip off sb** *A farmer noticed our foreign accents and tipped off the Security Police.*

**alert** /ə'lɜːrt/ [v T] to officially or publicly warn people of possible danger so that they can be ready to deal with it: *When he realized that one engine was not working, the pilot alerted air traffic control.* | **alert sb to sth** *a poster campaign to alert people to the disease* | **alert sb that** *Drivers are being alerted that an escaped prisoner has been seen hitch-hiking on the road to Frankfurt.*

**sound/raise the alarm** /,saʊnd, ,reɪz ðɪ ə'lɑːrm/ [v phrase] to warn everyone about something bad or dangerous that is already happening so that they can take action to stop it or avoid it: *Leighton was told to stand at the door, and to raise the alarm if a guard came.* | **+ about** *The Red Cross has sounded the alarm about the danger of further famine in the region.* | *The problem is that if you sound the alarm about fraud in your company, you might end up out of a job.*

**forewarn** /fɔːr'wɔːrən/ [v T] formal to warn someone about something bad that is going to happen soon, so that they have enough time to prepare for it: *Barry Hearn forewarned me that the meeting was going to be tough.* | **be forewarned of sth** *A police team, forewarned of the raid, had taken up positions inside the bank.*

**I told you!/I told you so!** /aɪ 'təʊld juː, aɪ 'təʊld juː ,səʊ/ spoken say this when you had warned someone about a possible danger that has now happened, especially if they ignored your warning: *I told you he had a violent temper! Why did you argue with him?* | *I told you so! It was obvious she was going to disappear as soon as she got the money.* | *I hate to say 'I told you so', but maybe you should listen to me next time.*

## 2 what you say when you want to warn someone

- ▶ look out/watch out
- ▶ mind
- ▶ watch it/watch out
- ▶ be careful
- ▶ beware
- ▶ you'd better
- ▶ sth ends in tears

**look out/watch out** /,lʊk 'aʊt, ,wɒtʃ 'aʊt, ,wɔːtʃ-/ spoken say this to urgently warn someone that they will have an accident if they do not immediately try to avoid it: *'Look out!' yelled Willie. 'He's got a gun!'* | *Look out! There's a train coming!* | *Watch out! You nearly hit that car.*

**mind** /maɪnd/ British spoken use this to warn someone not to touch something or do something that would be dangerous or cause trouble: *Mind the table Charlotte, there are drinks on it.* | **mind/mind out** *Mind! The plate's hot.* | *Mind out! There's a motorcycle!* | **mind you don't do sth** *The cat's down there – mind you don't tread on him.* | **mind how you go** (=used to warn someone to walk carefully to avoid slipping or falling) *Mind how you go. The path's a bit slippery.*

**watch it/watch out** /'wɒtʃ ɪt, ,wɒtʃ 'aʊt, ,wɔːtʃ-/ use this to warn someone that what they are doing could be dangerous: *'Watch out!' yelled the driver, as the truck veered towards his car.* | *Watch it! You nearly knocked my head off with that ladder.*

**be careful** /biː 'keəfəl/ spoken use this to warn someone that what they are doing could be dangerous: *I handed Phil the heavy revolver. 'Be careful, it's loaded.'* | *Be careful, it's very hot.* | **+ with** *Hey! Be careful with that cigarette!* | **be careful/take care not to do sth** *Be careful not to do anything that might make him angry.*

**beware** /bi'weər/ [v I only in imperative and infinitive] especially written used to warn people about something dangerous – usually seen on signs and official statements: *Beware. Deep water.* | **+ of** *Beware of the dog.* | *Beware of falling rocks.* | *The police warn tourists to beware of pickpockets, especially in crowded places.* | **beware of doing sth** *Beware of accidentally starting the engine while you are cleaning the blades.*

**you'd better** /juːd 'betər/ spoken informal use this to warn or advise someone that they should do something in order to avoid trouble: *'I suppose I ought to apologize.'* *'Yes, you'd better, or she might make things difficult for you.'* | **you'd better do sth** *You'd better tell the police in case they think it was your fault.* | *The train leaves in twenty minutes, so you'd better hurry up!*

**sth ends in tears** / (sth) ,endz ɪn 'tɪərz/ British spoken say this to warn someone that something they are determined to do is not sensible and will proba-



bly end badly: *Never have an affair with a work colleague – they usually end in tears.* | **it'll (all) end in tears** *My common sense told me: 'Stay away! It'll end in tears!'*

### 3 making you realize that something bad could happen

- ▶ **warn**
- ▶ **be a warning**
- ▶ **set (the) alarm bells ringing**
- ▶ **ominous**
- ▶ **warning**
- ▶ **cautionary**

**warn** /wɔːrɪn/ [v I/T] **warn sb (that)** *Something warned Lucy that she must stop him.* | *The bleached bones of cattle warn the traveler how hot it can be in Death Valley.* | + **of** *Dark clouds warned of the approaching storm.*

**be a warning** /biː ə 'wɔːrɪnɪŋ/ [v phrase] if an event or fact is a **warning**, it shows that something bad could happen or is going to happen: *The story of the Titanic is a warning to anyone who trusts too much in their technology.* | *The only warning was a low rumbling sound.* | + **of** *Pain in the shoulder and arm can be a warning of a heart attack.*

**set (the) alarm bells ringing** /ˌset (ði) ə'lɑːrɪm belz ˌrɪŋɪŋ/ [v phrase] if something **sets (the) alarm bells ringing** it makes you realize that something seriously wrong or very dangerous is happening: *There were no lights on when I got home. That immediately set alarm bells ringing.* | *A brief study of the company's accounts set the alarm bells ringing – there was no trace of the \$56 million loan.*

**ominous** /'ɒmɪnəs/ [adj] making you think that something bad has happened or is likely to happen soon: *Another wave crashed onto the deck and the mast made an ominous creaking sound.* | *Katy answered the phone. There was an ominous silence.* | **sth sounds ominous** *My manager asked for an appointment at nine o'clock on a Monday morning: it sounded ominous.* — **ominously** [adv] *When the army moved into the city, the streets were ominously silent.*

**warning** /'wɔːrɪnɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] intended to or likely to warn you that something bad will happen if you continue to do something or do not do something: *Aunt Lou shot a warning glance at father just as he was about to speak.* | *He grabbed her pistol and fired a warning shot. The intruder ran back out into the hall.* | *From the trees there came a warning screech and the whole flock took to the air.*

**cautionary** /'kɔːʃənəri/ [adj only before noun] **cautionary tale/note** something that provides a warning of something bad that could happen or a warning against particular actions or behaviour: *The rise and fall of this company is a cautionary tale for anyone investing in the property market.* | *The director ended her speech on a cautionary note, when she said that next year would be even harder than this year.*

### 4 a spoken or written statement that warns people

- ▶ **warning**
- ▶ **tip-off**
- ▶ **caution**

**warning** /'wɔːrɪnɪŋ/ [n C] something that you say or do to warn people about danger or to warn them not to do something: *All cigarette packets carry a government health warning.* | **give a warning** *The weather report gave a warning of more snow and icy roads.* | + **to** *Two of the prisoners were publicly*

*beaten, as a warning to the others.* | **without (any) warning** (=without giving a warning) *Soldiers began firing into the crowd without any warning.*

**tip-off** /'tɪp ɒf/ [n C] a warning that something bad is going to happen, especially a warning about a crime that is given to the police in time for them to stop it happening: *Police were called to the hotel after a tip-off.* | **acting on a tip-off** (=doing something because of a tip-off) *Acting on a tip-off, customs officers seized 50 kilos of cocaine from a house in Leicester.*

**caution** /'kɔːʃən/ [n C] formal a warning to someone about a possible danger, especially a warning added to the end of a statement or piece of information: *This caution cannot be overstated: if the belts are incorrectly adjusted they are useless.* | *Caution: do not install electrical equipment near or around water sources.*

## wash

#### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ to remove dirt, marks etc from something see **remove (3)**
- ▶ see also **clean, dirty, mark, shine/shiny**

### 1 to wash your hands/face/body etc

- ▶ **wash**
- ▶ **have a wash**
- ▶ **freshen up**
- ▶ **get cleaned up**
- ▶ **spruce yourself up/get spruced up**
- ▶ **brush your teeth**
- ▶ **wipe**
- ▶ **cleanser**
- ▶ **shampoo**

**wash** /wɒʃ/ [v I/T] to clean yourself with soap and water: *Harry went upstairs to wash.* | **wash your hands/face/hair etc** *She was washing her hair when the phone rang.* | *Have you boys washed your hands yet?* — **wash** [n singular] *He looks as if he could do with a good wash.*

**have a wash** [v phrase] British **/wash up** [phr v I] American /hæv ə 'wɒʃ, 'wɒʃ 'ʌp/ to wash your hands and face: *You'll feel better once you've had a wash and something to eat.* | *You kids go wash up now – dinner's nearly ready.*

**freshen up** /ˌfreʃən 'ʌp/ [phr v I] especially spoken to wash your face and hands so that you feel more comfortable, for example when you have been working hard or travelling: *The bathroom's on the right if you'd like to freshen up.* | *She hoped there would be time to freshen up before the interview.*

**get cleaned up** /get ˌkliːnd 'ʌp/ [v phrase] to wash yourself after you have got dirty doing something: *I'll make the dinner – just give me chance to get cleaned up first.* | *He's upstairs in the bathroom getting cleaned up.*

**spruce yourself up/get spruced up** /ˌspruːs ʃɔːrself 'ʌp, get ˌspruːst 'ʌp/ [v phrase] to get washed and make yourself look tidy or change your clothes: *She went into the washroom at the airport to get spruced up before meeting the others.*

**brush your teeth** ALSO **clean your teeth** British /ˌbrʌʃ ʃɔːr 'tiːθ, ˌkliːn ʃɔːr 'tiːθ/ [v phrase] to clean your teeth with a small brush: *Have you brushed your teeth this morning?* | *I cleaned my teeth, flattened down my hair, and rushed out of the door.*

**wipe** /waɪp/ [v T] to clean your hands or face by gently rubbing them with a cloth or with your hand: *Wipe your face. There's chocolate all around your mouth.* | *Wiping his oily hands on a piece of cloth, he*



reached into his pocket and handed me the bill.  
— **wipe** [n singular] Give your nose a wipe (=wipe it).

**cleanse** /klenz/ [v T] to clean your skin, especially using a special liquid cream: *This lotion cleanses your skin deep down, while preserving its natural pH balance.*

**shampoo** /ʃæm'pu:/ [v T] to wash your hair with shampoo (=a special liquid soap for washing hair): *It's a new conditioner. Simply shampoo your hair, towel dry, and spray it in.*

## 2 to wash in a bath or shower

- ▶ have a shower
- ▶ have a bath
- ▶ be in the bath
- ▶ shower
- ▶ bath

**have a shower** British /**take a shower** /,hæv ə 'ʃaʊər, ,teɪk ə 'ʃaʊər/ [v phrase] to wash your whole body while standing under a shower: *I'll just have a quick shower and get changed.* | *She decided to take a shower before dinner.*

**have a bath** British /**take a bath** American /,hæv ə 'bɑːθ, ,teɪk ə 'bɑːθ- 'bæθ/ [v phrase] to wash your whole body while sitting in a bath full of water: *Is there enough hot water for me to have a bath?* | *I just had time to take a bath and change before we had to go out again.*

**be in the bath** British /**be in the bathtub** American /biː ɪn ðə 'bɑːθ, ɪn ðə 'bɑːθtʌb- 'bæθ-/ [v phrase] to be sitting in a bath washing your whole body: *'Where's Barry?' 'He's in the bath.'* | *My wife was still in the bathtub when I got back from work.*

**shower** /'ʃaʊər/ [v I] to have a shower: *I got up early as usual, and showered and shaved.* | *It's so hot there, you have to shower three or four times a day.*

**bath** British /**bathe** American /bɑːθ- 'bæθ, beɪð/ [v T] to wash someone, especially a baby or a child, in a bath: *Make sure you bathe the kids and put them to bed before eight.* | *Louise loved being bathed when she was a baby.*

## 3 to wash a car/floor/wall etc

- ▶ wash
- ▶ clean
- ▶ mop
- ▶ scrub
- ▶ wash down
- ▶ wash out

**wash** /wɒʃ- 'wɔːʃ, wɑːʃ/ [v T] to clean something using a lot of water, and usually soap: *I really must wash the car this weekend.* | *When we moved in, we spent a whole day washing all the floors and paintwork.* | + **in** *The spinach leaves should be washed in cold water.*

**clean** /kliːn/ [v T] to clean something using soap and water, and usually by rubbing with a cloth or brush: *Where's that stuff you use for cleaning the bathtub?* | *I usually clean the windows about once a month.*

**mop** /mɒp- 'mɑːp/ [v T] to wash a floor using a special tool with a long handle that is dipped in a bucket of water: *Dan has to mop the floor of the café every night.*

**scrub** /skrʌb/ [v I/T] to make something very clean, using a stiff brush and water, or soap and water: *Martin washed the mud off his hands and scrubbed his nails.* | *Lou was on her knees, scrubbing the kitchen floor.* | *Scrub the potatoes, then put them in a pan of boiling water.*

**wash down** /,wɒʃ 'daʊn- 'wɔːʃ-/ [phr v T] to wash something large with a lot of water **wash down sth** *Wash down the walls and leave them to dry before*

*putting up new wallpaper.* | **wash sth down** *Carol washed the van down and checked the oil and tyres.*

**wash out** /,wɒʃ 'aʊt- 'wɔːʃ-/ [phr v T] to wash the inside of a cup, glass, pan, or container **wash out sth** *I'll just go and wash out these glasses.* | **wash sth out** *When the bottle is empty, wash it out thoroughly before refilling.*

## 4 to wash clothes

- ▶ wash
- ▶ dry-clean
- ▶ do the washing
- ▶ hand wash/handwash
- ▶ be in the wash
- ▶ laundry
- ▶ washable

**wash** /wɒʃ- 'wɔːʃ, wɑːʃ/ [v I/T] to wash clothes, especially in a washing machine: *Could you wash this shirt for me?* | *I seem to spend all my time washing and ironing these days.* | *You ought to wash that sweater by hand.*

**dry-clean** /,draɪ 'kliːn/ [v T] to clean clothes by using special chemicals instead of soap and water: *Don't put that dress in the washing machine – the label says it should be dry-cleaned.* — **dry-cleaner's** [n C] a shop where you can get your clothes dry-cleaned: *Could you collect my suit from the dry-cleaner's?*

**do the washing** British /**do the laundry** American /,duː ðə 'wɒʃɪŋ- 'wɔːʃ-, ,duː ðə 'ləʊndri/ [v phrase] to wash clothes that need to be washed: *Did you do the laundry this morning?* | *I had to go to the laundromat to do the washing.*

**hand wash/handwash** /'hænd wɒʃ- 'wɔːʃ, -wɑːʃ/ [v T] to wash clothes by hand, not in a washing machine: *I usually hand wash the socks and underwear, and put the rest in the machine.* | *Delicate garments and woollens should be handwashed.*

**be in the wash** /biː ɪn ðə 'wɒʃɪŋ- 'wɔːʃ/ [v phrase] clothes that **are in the wash** are being washed or are waiting to be washed: *'Where's my yellow blouse?' 'It's in the wash.'* | *You'll have to wear these – your other pants are in the wash.*

**laundry** ALSO **washing** British /'ləʊndri, 'wɒʃɪŋ- 'wɔːʃ-/ [n U] clothes that need to be washed, are being washed, or have just been washed: *a basket of laundry* | *There was dirty washing all over the floor.*

**washable** /'wɒʃəbəl- 'wɔːʃ-, 'wɑːʃ-/ [adj] able to be washed in water without being spoiled: *Let's have a look at the label on those trousers. Are they washable?* | *I always buy cotton clothes that are easily washable.*

## 5 to wash cups/plates/knives etc

- ▶ wash the dishes/do the dishes
- ▶ do the washing up/wash up

**wash the dishes/do the dishes** /,wɒʃ ðə 'dɪʃɪz- 'wɔːʃ-, ,duː ðə 'dɪʃɪz/ [v phrase] to wash all the cups, plates, knives etc that you have used during a meal: *My mom always makes me wash the dishes.* | *Can I help you do the dishes?*

**do the washing up/wash up** /,duː ðə 'wɒʃɪŋ 'ʌp, ,wɒʃ 'ʌp- 'wɔːʃ-/ [v phrase/phr v I/T] British to wash all the cups, plates, knives etc that you have used during a meal: *If you do the cooking tonight, I'll do the washing up.* | *Who's going to wash up?* — **washing-up** [n C] the dirty plates, dishes, knives etc that have to be washed: *The sink was full of washing-up.*



## 6 to wash something using water but without soap

► **rinse**

► **soak/leave sth to soak**

**rinse** /rɪns/ [v T] to wash something with water in order to remove soap or dirt: *I'll just rinse the lettuce under the tap.* | *Rosie rinsed her mouth to get rid of the taste.* | **rinse out sth** (=quickly clean a container, just using water) *He rinsed out a glass and poured himself a whiskey.* — **rinse** [n singular] **give sth a rinse** *Pass me your cup, and I'll give it a quick rinse.*

**soak/leave sth to soak** /səʊk, li:v (sth) tə 'səʊk/ [v T/v phrase] to leave something in water for a long time in order to clean it or make it easier to wash later: *You'll have to soak that shirt to get the blood off it.* | **leave sth to soak** *Just leave that pan to soak overnight.*

## waste

to use something in a way that is not useful, or to use too much of something

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: ————— **save**

- to spend a lot of money carelessly *see* **spend money/time (3)**
- to waste time *see* **spend time/money (12)**
- *see also* **rubbish/garbage, get rid of, efficient**

## 1 to waste something

- **waste**
- **wasted**
- **go to waste**
- **squander**
- **fritter away**
- **dissipate**
- **money down the drain**

**waste** /weɪst/ [v T] to use time, money, food etc in a way that is not useful or sensible, or use more of something than is necessary: *I wasted 40 minutes waiting for a bus this morning.* | *Don't leave the light on – you're wasting electricity.* | *The school kitchen wastes an awful lot of food.* | **waste money/time on sth** *Bill wastes all his money on beer and cigarettes.* | *Let's not waste any more time on this.*

**wasted** /'weɪstɪd/ [adj] something that is wasted is not used in a sensible way, or does not produce a useful result: *I felt as if my education had been wasted when I couldn't get a job.* | **a wasted trip/journey** *I'm sorry, you've had a wasted trip. Mr Newton isn't here at the moment.* | **wasted life/years** *She thought back over the past four years – four wasted years married to a man who almost destroyed her.* | **a wasted opportunity** *The government could have dealt with the problem there and then. It was a wasted opportunity.*

**go to waste** /,gəʊ tə 'weɪst/ [v phrase] if something goes to waste or if you let something go to waste, it is wasted because it is not used: *Local produce often goes to waste because people prefer to buy imported food.* | *If no one else wants this, I'll eat it – I hate to see good food go to waste.* | *We can't let all our hard work go to waste.*

**squander** /'skwɒndər||'skwɑ:n-/ [v T] to waste something valuable by using it in a stupid way that brings no useful results: *His family felt he had squandered his musical talent.* | **squander a**

**chance/opportunity** *England squandered a golden opportunity to score, seconds before the final whistle.* | **squander away sth** *Howard was a terrible gambler, and had squandered away the family fortune.*

**fritter away** /'frɪtər ə'weɪ/ [phr v T] to waste something such as time or money in a silly way by using small amounts of it on things you do not need **fritter away sth** *So many students seem to fritter away their time at college.* | **fritter sth away** *Michelle had frittered her inheritance away on extravagant parties and fancy clothes.*

**dissipate** /'dɪsɪpeɪt/ [v T] formal to gradually waste something such as money or energy by trying to do a lot of different and often unnecessary things: *She had dissipated her fortune by the time she was twenty-five.*

**money down the drain** /,mʌni daʊn ðə 'dreɪn/ [n phrase] money that is wasted **be money down the drain** *Buying nice clothes for you was just money down the drain. All you ever wear are jeans and T-shirts.* | **throw money down the drain** *The government is throwing tax payers' money down the drain.*

## 2 something that wastes time, money etc

- **be a waste of sth**
- **wasteful**
- **inefficient**

**be a waste of sth** /bi: ə 'weɪst əv (sth)/ [v phrase] if something is a waste of time, money, energy etc, it annoys you because it uses time, money etc in a way that has no useful results: *a pointless war that was a terrible waste of human life* | *That class was a complete waste of time – I didn't learn anything.* | *My parents think going to football games is a waste of money.*

**wasteful** /'weɪstfəl/ [adj] an activity or method that is wasteful uses too much money, food, energy etc, without any useful results: *Many people see the new £60 million building as wasteful and extravagant.* | *wasteful packaging*

**inefficient** /,ɪnɪ'fɪʃənt/ [adj] an organization or system that is inefficient does not work well, so it uses more time, money, or energy than it needs to: *an inefficient heating system* | *Local government in the area is seen as being corrupt and inefficient.* | *The factory is inefficient, and its working practices and machinery dated.*

## watch

to look at and pay attention to something that is happening

### RELATED WORDS

- to look at people, scenery, pictures etc that are not moving *see* **look**
- to notice something with your eyes *see* **see**
- *see also* **attention**

## 1 to watch someone or something

- **watch**
- **see**
- **observe**
- **look on**

**watch** /wɒtʃ||wɑ:tʃ, wɔ:tʃ/ [v I/T] to look for some time at something that is happening or moving, and pay attention to what you see: *She watched the man with interest as he made his way through the crowd.* | *Do you want to join in or just sit and*



watch? | + **as** *I watched as the small boat disappeared over the horizon.* | **watch sb do/doing sth** *They watched the runners go past.* | *We watched the children playing on the beach.* | **watch television/a video/the tennis etc** *Did you watch that programme about real life murders last night?* | *The Presidential debate was watched by over 10 million people.*

**see** /si:/ [v T not in progressive] to look at something or someone: *Did you see the news last night?* | *We went to see the new 'Star Wars' film last weekend.* | **see sb do/doing sth** *He saw a man get out of the car and walk to the side of the road.* | *The driver saw two men attacking a middle-aged woman.*

**observe** /əb'zɜ:v/ [v T] to watch someone or something carefully in order to learn more about them: *I love to observe people at work.* | + **how/what** *Visitors are encouraged to look around and observe how things work.* — **observation** /,əbzə'reɪʃən||,ɑ:b-/ [n U] *We have reached these conclusions after months of careful observation and experiment.*

**look on** /,lʊk 'ɒn / [phr v I] to watch something happening, without taking part or trying to stop it: *Sarah set off after the man, while her friends looked on in amazement.* | *The women looked on, nodding and smiling.* | *Mr Parsons began to cough again, while his wife looked on helplessly.*

## 2 to watch someone or something continuously

- ▶ not take your eyes off
- ▶ stand over

**not take your eyes off** /nɒt teɪk jɔ:r 'aɪz ɒf / [v phrase] to watch someone or something continuously because they are very interesting, exciting or attractive: *The woman had hardly taken her eyes off him all evening.* | *The dog scuttled across to the other side of the room, without taking his eyes off me.* | **can't/couldn't take your eyes off** *Charlie couldn't take his eyes off Rose.*

**stand over** /'stænd əʊvər/ [phr v T] to stand next to someone and watch what they are doing, especially because you want to make sure that they do it right: *Do I have to stand over you to make sure you do your homework?* | *Liz dragged her out of bed and stood over her while she got dressed.*

## 3 to watch to make sure that nothing bad happens to someone or something

- ▶ watch
- ▶ keep an eye on
- ▶ can't take your eyes off
- ▶ observation

**watch** /wɒtʃ||wa:tʃ, wɔ:tʃ/ [v T] *Stay here and watch our bags while I go and buy some food.* | *Don't let children play near water without an adult to watch them.*

**keep an eye on** /,ki:p ən 'aɪ ɒn/ [v phrase] especially spoken to watch someone or something by occasionally going to look at them over a long period of time: *Keep an eye on the baby, in case he gets too near the fire.* | *Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on the house for you while you're away.* | *You'd better come into hospital where we can keep an eye on you.*

**can't take your eyes off** /,kɑ:nt teɪk jɔ:r 'aɪz ɒf ||,kænt-/ [v phrase] to have to watch someone very carefully all the time because you think something bad might happen to them: *You have to be so careful*

*with small children – you can't take your eyes off them for a minute.*

**observation** /,əbzə'reɪʃən||,ɑ:b-/ [n U] when doctors watch a patient carefully because they think they might suddenly become more ill **keep sb in (the hospital) for observation** *They kept him in overnight just for observation.* | **under observation** *She spent two nights in hospital under observation, before being allowed home.*

## 4 to pay attention to the way a situation develops

- ▶ watch
- ▶ keep an eye on
- ▶ monitor

**watch** /wɒtʃ||wa:tʃ, wɔ:tʃ/ [v T] *Both candidates are watching the opinion polls carefully.* | **watch sb do sth** *We have watched hundreds of small firms collapse over the last few years.* | + **how/when/what etc** *Many swimmers are videoed during training so they can watch how their performance improves.*

**keep an eye on** /,ki:p ən 'aɪ ɒn/ [v phrase] to watch a situation carefully over a period of time, especially so that you are prepared for anything bad that might happen: *If I were you, I'd keep an eye on house prices for a while before you decide to sell.* | **keep a close/careful eye on sth** *Government experts will be keeping a close eye on the new currency to see whether it proves successful.*

**monitor** /'mɒnɪtər||'mɑ:-/ [v T] to carefully watch a situation over a period of time, to see how it changes or develops: *Doctors monitored her progress during the night.* | *We will of course monitor the campaign to assess its effectiveness.*

## 5 to secretly watch a person or place

- ▶ watch
- ▶ spy on sb
- ▶ keep a watch on
- ▶ surveillance
- ▶ observation

**watch** /wɒtʃ||wa:tʃ, wɔ:tʃ/ [v T] *The thieves had obviously been watching his house and knew when he was likely to be out.* | *He had the feeling that he was being watched.* | **watch sb's movements** (=watch someone as they go to different places) *Detectives have been watching Mr Heskey's movements for some time.*

**spy on sb** /'spaɪ ɒn (sb)/ [phr v T] to watch someone secretly, in order to find out information about them: *Mathers admitted he had followed Ms Evans and spied on her.*

**keep a watch on** /,ki:p ə 'wɒtʃ ɒn||-'wa:tʃ-/ [v phrase] if the police **keep a watch on** a person or place, a group of them are organized to watch that person or place continuously: *Our orders were to keep a 24-hour watch on the cottage where the men were staying.*

**surveillance** /sɜ:'veɪləns/ [n U] when people, especially the police or government officials secretly watch a place or person, especially for a long period, often using special equipment such as hidden cameras: *Television surveillance in public areas should help to make housing developments safer.* | **surveillance camera** *Banks are installing surveillance cameras to prevent robberies.* | **under surveillance** (=being secretly watched) *The men had been under surveillance by customs officers for some time before their arrest.* | **keep sb/sth under surveillance** (=secretly watch someone or something) *The terrorists had been kept under constant surveillance by our officers.*



**observation** /ˌɒbzəˈveɪʃən, ˌɑːb-/ [n U] when people watch a place or person carefully for a period of time **under observation** (=being watched) *A patrol car spotted us and the officers inside made it clear that we were under observation.* | **keep sb/sth under observation** (=watch someone or something) *We want that place kept under constant observation.*

## 6 someone who is watching an event or performance

- ▶ **spectator**
- ▶ **viewer**
- ▶ **audience**
- ▶ **onlooker**
- ▶ **observer**

**spectator** /spekˈteɪtər, ˈspekteɪtər/ [n C] someone who is watching an event or game: *The game was watched by over 50,000 spectators.* | *There are no facilities for spectators at the pool.* | *Someone was juggling in the street, and a small group of spectators had gathered to watch.*

**viewer** /ˈvjuːər/ [n C] someone who watches a television programme – used especially in newspapers and news reports: *The concert was seen by 500 million viewers around the world.* | *Millions of television viewers tuned in to the president's speech.*

**audience** /ˈɔːdiəns, ˈɔː-/ [n C with singular or plural verb in British English] a group of people who have come to a place to watch a play, concert, film etc: *Actors, wearing masks, came down among the audience.* | *I'm not sure that this film will appeal to British audiences.* | *The show has delighted television audiences in the United States and Britain.* | **in the audience** *There seemed to be quite a lot of young people in the audience.*

**onlooker** /ˈɒn,lʊkər, ˈɑːn-/ [n C] someone who is watching an event, especially when they did not come specially to watch it but just happened to see it: *The child glanced fearfully around the small circle of onlookers.* | *The last few runners appeared, to an accompanying cheer from the crowd of onlookers.*

**observer** /əbˈsɜːrvər/ [n C] someone who watches an event, activity, or situation, especially someone who has been officially sent there in order to report back about it to an organization or country: *She's been sent as an observer to the UN aid conference.* | *Most political observers believe that the president will now have to resign.* | *Military observers have been allowed into the area to monitor the ceasefire.*

## 7 always watching to see what happens

- ▶ **alert**
- ▶ **be on the alert**
- ▶ **keep your eyes open/peeled**
- ▶ **look/watch out for**
- ▶ **watchful**
- ▶ **vigilant**

**alert** /əˈlɜːrt/ [adj] someone who is **alert** is always watching, and notices if anything strange or unusual happens: *Passengers should try to stay alert at all times, and report any suspicious packages to the police immediately.* | *She owes her life to an alert farmer, who spotted her car in a ditch and called the emergency services.*

**be on the alert** /biː ɒn ðə əˈlɜːrt/ [v phrase] to watch carefully because you think that something bad might happen: *We ask you all to be on the alert and to report anything suspicious immediately.* | **+ for** *Staff have been warned to be on the alert for bombs.*

**keep your eyes open/peeled** /ˌkiːp jɔːr ˈaɪz, əʊpən, ˌpiːld/ [v phrase] spoken say this to tell someone

to keep watching carefully so that they will see something that they are hoping or expecting to see: *We might see a dolphin if we're lucky, so keep your eyes open.* | **+ for** *I always keep my eyes open for discounts and special offers.* | *Keep your eyes peeled for Robert – he should be here any minute.*

**look/watch out for** /ˌlʊk, ˌwɒtʃ ˈaʊt fər, ˌwɔːtʃ-/ [phr v T] to keep watching so that you will notice someone or something: *Look out for the old college buildings on your left.* | *We had to watch out for potholes in the road.*

**watchful** /ˈwɒtʃfəl, ˈwɔːtʃ-/ [adj] always watching to see what happens, either to make sure that nothing bad happens, or simply because you are interested: *The fans left the ground quietly, under the watchful gaze of security cameras.* | *Alan became more watchful and uneasy as the evening went on.* | **keep a watchful eye on** (=keep watching someone to make sure they do not get into trouble, hurt themselves etc) *Bill was in the kitchen, keeping a watchful eye on the children as he prepared lunch.*

**vigilant** /ˈvɪdʒɪlənt/ [adj] someone who is **vigilant** is always watching to see what happens, especially to see if anyone is doing anything wrong or illegal: *To combat thieves, it is important for staff to be vigilant at all times.* — **vigilance** [n U] *Constant public vigilance is required to combat this kind of terrorism.*

# water

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ float *see on/on top of*
- ▶ *see also* **liquid, wet, pour**

## 1 water

▶ **water**

▶ **moisture**

**water** /ˈwɔːtər, ˈwɔː-, ˈwaɪ-/ [n U] *Could I have a glass of water, please?* | *Humans can't survive for more than a few days without water.* | *This reservoir supplies water to half of Los Angeles.* | **shallow/deep water** *Stone fish lie on the ocean bed, often in shallow water.* | **rain/sea water** *Some of the bacteria are found in rivers, lakes, mud, and even rain water.* | *Never drink sea water.* | **running water** (=water that is flowing or that comes out of taps) *As we got deeper into the forest we could hear the sound of running water.* | *All the rooms in the hotel have hot and cold running water.* | **water shortage** (=when there is not much water available) *By the end of the hot summer of '76, there was a serious water shortage.* | **water level** (=the level of water in rivers, the sea etc, which rises and falls) *The water level of the River Thames has risen 14" in the past few days.* | **water content** (=how much water there is in something) *Condensed milk is produced by removing about 50% of the water content of whole milk.*

**moisture** /ˈmɔɪstʃər/ [n U] the amount of wetness in something, especially in the earth or in the air, caused by the presence of water: *In the summer, temperatures rose to 90 or 100 degrees, and the air was constantly heavy with moisture.* | *Moisture is essential for keeping your skin fresh and youthful.* | **moisture content** (=how much moisture there is in something) *Nearby ditches and walls affect the moisture content of the soil.*



## 2 when a lot of water covers a place that is usually dry

- ▶ flood
- ▶ deluge
- ▶ flooding
- ▶ flood

**flood** /flʌd/ [n C] very large amounts of water covering an area of land or filling a building, caused by heavy rains and usually causing serious damage: *Last winter, the town suffered the worst floods for fifty years.* | *There has been an extensive programme of restorations in Venice since the 1966 flood.* | **flood damage** *Yosemite National Park is restricting access to the Park in order to cope with the flood damage.* | **flood water/waters** *Helicopters continued to search for others who had climbed trees to escape from the flood waters.* | **flood plain** (=the area of land near a river that floods) *the wide flood plains of the River Nile*

**flooding** /'flʌdɪŋ/ [n U] a situation in which an area of land or part of a building is covered with water, for example as a result of heavy rain or burst water pipes: *Parts of the harbour wall collapsed, causing serious flooding in the town.* | *The government is to receive £200,000 in emergency European Community aid, to help victims of the flooding.*

**deluge** /'delju:dʒ/ [n C usually singular] written a situation in which an area of land is covered with very large amounts of water as a result of heavy rain: *Many homes in Jakarta were flooded in the Indonesian capital's worst deluge for years.*

**flood** /flʌd/ [v I/T] if a river **floods**, or heavy rain, snow etc **floods** an area of land, it causes the land to become covered with very large amounts of water: *Three major rivers have already flooded, and two more are on red alert.* | *After two days of continuous rain, the village was flooded.* | *Melting snow floods the valleys each spring.* — **flooded** [adj] *Emergency officials will tour flooded areas to assess the extent of the damage.*

## 3 a continuous movement of water

- ▶ current
- ▶ torrent

**current** /'kʌrənt||'kɜ:r-/ [n C] a continuous movement of water in a particular direction in the sea or in a river: *The currents in these parts could carry a boat miles out to sea.* | **a strong current** *It's dangerous to swim in the sea here because the current is so strong.* | **river/ocean/sea currents** *The tiny young drift on the ocean currents, until a few are lucky enough to land in a suitable place and begin a new life.*

**torrent** /'tɒrənt||'tɔ:-, 'tɑ:-/ [n C] a large amount of water that moves quickly and strongly in a particular direction: *The river occasionally becomes a torrent after a downpour, and may even cause flooding.* | **torrent of water** *A torrent of water flowed down the street.* | **raging torrent** (=very violent torrent) *After five days of heavy rain the Telle River was a raging torrent.* | **in torrents** *There was no shelter anywhere and the rain was coming down in torrents.* — **torrential** /tə'renʃəl/ [adj] **torrential rain** *Torrential rain and gale-force storms left many coastal roads impassable.*

## 4 to supply farmland, plants etc with water

- ▶ water
- ▶ irrigate

**water** /'wɔ:tə||'wɔ:-, 'wɑ:-/ [v T] to pour water on plants, crops, or grass in order to make them grow:

*Would you mind watering my plants while I'm away?* | *During the drought, residents were barred from watering their gardens, or washing their cars.* | *Many farmers use low-flying aircraft to water their crops.*

**irrigate** /'ɪrɪɡeɪt/ [v T] to provide a regular supply of water to large areas of land, in order to grow crops there, for example by using a system of pipes or long holes in the ground: *The stored water is then used to irrigate nearby agricultural land.* | *A system of channels carries water down from the mountains to irrigate the soil.* — **irrigation** /,ɪrɪ'ɡeɪʃən/ [n U] *methods of irrigation*

## 5 to add water to another liquid

- ▶ dilute
- ▶ water down

**dilute** /,daɪ'lʊt/ [v T] to add a liquid, especially water, to another liquid in order to make it weaker or thinner: *Pour a little of the antiseptic into a bowl and dilute it before bathing the cut.* | **+ with** *To make citron pressé, dilute fresh lemon juice with water and add sugar.* | *Continue diluting the tomato sauce with red wine, according to taste.* — **diluted** [adj] *Try giving the baby diluted fruit juice (=fruit juice diluted with water)* | *once or twice a day.*

**water down** /,wɔ:tər 'daʊn/ [phr v T] to add water to another liquid, in order to make it weaker or to increase the amount – use this especially to show disapproval: *I'm sure they water down the tomato ketchup at school.* | **water sth down** *You'll find the paint drips everywhere if you water it down too much.* | *It's a very good whisky. Much too good to water down.* — **watered-down** [adj] *They served us some disgusting watered-down wine.*

## 6 living in water

- ▶ aquatic
- ▶ amphibious

**aquatic** /ə'kwætɪk, ə'kwɒ-||ə'kwæ-, ə'kwɑ:-/ [adj] formal an **aquatic** animal or plant lives or grows in water: *These fish are particularly fond of vegetable foods, and will usually eat tender aquatic plants.* | *The hippopotamus is semi-aquatic (=lives partly in water and partly on the land).* | *Unfortunately, fertilizers from surrounding farmland have reduced the aquatic life.*

**amphibious** /æm'fɪbiəs/ [adj] animals that are **amphibious** are able to live both in water and on land: *Most species of frogs are amphibious.* | *Dinosaurs were probably the first ancestors of amphibious reptiles and fish.*

## 7 something that does not let water pass through it

- ▶ waterproof
- ▶ watertight

**waterproof** /'wɔ:tə'pru:f||'wɔ:-, 'wɑ:-/ [adj] something such as a container or material that is **waterproof** does not let water pass through it: *A warm, waterproof jacket is the first thing you need for mountain walking.* | *The Gore-tex fabric manages to be completely waterproof, and yet allows body moisture to escape.* | *a waterproof watch*

**watertight** /'wɔ:tə'taɪt||'wɔ:-, 'wɑ:-/ [adj] something such as a box or roof that is **watertight** does not let water pass through it so that what is inside does not get wet: *The cameras had been stored in watertight containers.* | *Most wooden ships were watertight in harbour, but they all leaked when they got out to sea.*



# way

## WHAT'S HERE

- **a way of doing sth** see **1 to 6**
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## a way of doing sth

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **system, plan**

## 1 a way or method of doing something

- ▶ **way**
- ▶ **method**
- ▶ **approach**
- ▶ **technique**
- ▶ **strategy**
- ▶ **system**
- ▶ **tactics**

**way** /weɪ/ [n C] Websites can be designed in many different ways. | **+ to do sth** Visiting a country is a great way to learn its language. | There's more than one way to build a house – all builders work differently. | I tried every way I could to make the child go to bed, but she refused. | **+ of doing sth** Is there any way of controlling the heating in here? | **the way (that) sb does sth** I'll show you the way we calculate the figures. | **the best/only way** What's the best way to remove wine stains? | The only way to lose weight is to eat less. | **the right/wrong way** The government does not believe that this approach is the right way to deal with the problem. | **the way to go about sth** I think you're going about this in completely the wrong way.

**method** /'meθəd/ [n C] a way of doing something, especially one that is well known and often used: Printing methods have changed completely in the last twenty years. | In this school, staff are given complete freedom in their choice of language teaching methods. | Make a list of the different methods you could use in conducting a survey. | **+ of** You can choose whichever method of payment you prefer. | **method of/for doing sth** Medical science has not yet found a satisfactory method of treating cholera. | an environmentally-friendly method for treating household waste

**approach** /ə'prəʊtʃ/ [n C] a way of dealing with a particular problem or situation, especially a way that has been carefully thought about or planned: The main advantage of this approach is its simplicity. | **+ to** Today's approach to raising children is very different from 40 years ago. | Space scientists had to adopt a whole new approach to design and construction.

**technique** /tek'ni:k/ [n C] a particular way of doing something, for which you need a skill that has to be learned and practised: More and more heart patients are surviving thanks to improved surgical techniques. | helpful tips on how to improve your exam technique | **+ for doing sth** Chapter 6 describes useful techniques for creating on-screen filing systems that really work.

**strategy** /'strætədʒi/ [n C] a set of carefully planned methods for achieving something that is difficult and may take a long time: We will continue to update

our sales strategy. | **+ for (doing) sth** The government has no long-term strategy for reducing crime. | **+ to do sth** a strategy to reduce the level of teenage smoking

**system** /'sɪstəm/ [n C] a planned and effective way of doing something that you use every time you do it: I do the cooking and Andrew does the shopping; it's an excellent system. | **+ of doing sth** I work a lot more quickly now I've developed an efficient system of working. | **+ for doing sth** Ryan thinks he's discovered a system for winning at roulette.

**tactics** /'tæktɪks/ [n plural] methods that you use in order to achieve what you want, especially in a game or competition: Salesmen use all sorts of clever tactics to persuade people to buy from them. | The team was busy discussing tactics for the game. | He played with the confidence of a winning captain, instinctively changing tactics when necessary.

## 2 the correct way of doing something

- ▶ **how to do sth**
- ▶ **procedure**

**how to do sth** /,haʊ tə 'du: (sth)/ For details on how to install the program, see the instructions on the right. | **show/teach/tell etc sb how to do sth** Could you show me how to work the photocopier? | My father taught me how to make and mend fishing nets | **know how to do sth** I don't know how to load this thing. | **learn/find out/work out etc how to do sth** Find out how to decorate your own Easter eggs on pages 30-31.

**procedure** /prə'si:dʒər/ [n C] the correct or official way of doing something, especially something that has several stages: I want to get a new passport but I don't know the procedure. | **+ for doing sth** What is the procedure for opening a bank account? | **follow/observe a procedure** It is very important to follow the safety procedures laid down in the handbook. | Always observe the correct procedure for the use of ski-lifts. | **correct/proper/standard procedure** Stewards spent hours rehearsing the proper procedure for marshalling the huge crowds expected in the stadium. | Sorry about the body search. It's just standard procedure.

## 3 the method you use to achieve something

- ▶ **means**
- ▶ **tool**
- ▶ **tactic**
- ▶ **medium**
- ▶ **vehicle**
- ▶ **avenue**

**means** /mi:nz/ [n C] a method, system, machine etc that you use to do something or achieve something: We aim to use peaceful means to bring about change. | **+ of doing sth** Education and training are the most effective means of improving the nation's economy. | **by means of sth** (=using a particular method or system) He came to power by means of a military coup in 1960. | **by peaceful/political/unlawful etc means** The judge ruled that Smith had been elected by unlawful means. | **means of communication/transport/transportation** E-mail has become an increasingly important means of business communication. | **means to an end** (=something that you do only as a way of achieving something else) You should not regard the course simply as a means to an end.

**tool** /tu:l/ [n C] a particular method or system that you use to get a result, especially in business or pol-



itics: *Pictures of fleeing refugees were used as an effective propaganda tool against the Communists.* | **+ of** *Interest rates are one of the Finance Minister's main tools of economic policy.* | **+ for (doing) sth** *Dance and aerobics classes are a useful tool for encouraging girls back to school P.E. lessons.*

**tactic** /'tæktɪk/ [n C] a carefully planned way of trying to get what you want: *He's threatening to sue us? That's a tactic he's used before.* | *Giving out criticism rather than praise is a tactic that rarely works in the workplace.* | **delaying tactic** (=something you do to gain more time for yourself) *The question was just a delaying tactic to stop her leaving the room.*

**medium** /'mi:diəm/ [n C] PLURAL **media** /-diə/ formal a physical or electronic method used for giving people information, for example the telephone, television, newspapers etc: *The wide variety of electronic media available on the Internet.* | **+ for (doing) sth** *DVDs have quickly become an extremely popular medium for film viewing.*

**vehicle** /'vi:ɪkəl/ [n singular] written something you use as a way of expressing your ideas, communicating something to people, or achieving what you want **+ for (doing) sth** *the use of TV soap operas as a vehicle for spreading public information* | *The secret ballot was an important vehicle for freer elections.*

**avenue** /'ævɪnju:--nu:/ [n C] a way of achieving something – use this especially when there are several different ways and you are trying to find the best one or the only one that is really possible: *We explored every possible avenue, but still couldn't come up with a solution.*

## 4 a way of achieving success, happiness etc

- ▶ route/path
- ▶ the key
- ▶ secret

**route/path** /ru:t, pɑ:θ||pæθ/ [n C usually singular] *Her political career followed the usual route of local and then national government.* | **+ to** *There's more than one route to a successful marriage.* | *the path to happiness and enlightenment*

**the key** /ðə 'ki:/ [n singular] the most important means of making progress or achieving success: *In all types of advice work, listening is the key.* | **+ to** *What's the key to getting a good night's sleep?* | *We feel that our policy of low-price products in plain packaging is the key to our success.*

**secret** /'si:krɪt/ [n singular] a way of becoming happy, healthy, successful etc that not everyone knows about or knows how to do: *I don't know what her secret is but she always gets top marks in exams.* | *Hollywood stars reveal their beauty secrets in next month's edition.* | **the secret of sb's/sth's success** *Mr. Ritchie, you're a millionaire at the age of twenty. What's the secret of your success?*

## 5 a clever or dishonest way of getting what you want

- ▶ ploy
- ▶ device
- ▶ ways and means

**ploy** /plɔɪ/ [n C] a clever way of gaining an advantage, for example by making people feel concerned about you or making them feel grateful towards you: *The religious element of their election campaign was a cynical ploy.* | **+ to do sth** *He's not really ill, it's just a ploy to make us feel sorry for him.*

**device** /drɪ'vaɪs/ [n C] something that is intended to achieve a particular aim, especially an aim that is slightly dishonest or unacceptable **+ to do sth** *He used every device possible to prevent inspectors from entering the premises.* | *Commissions and inquiries are little more than a device to allow politicians to put off taking decisions.*

**ways and means** /,weɪz ən 'mi:nz/ [n phrase] clever ways of getting an advantage, especially by doing something that is unusual or secret **+ of doing sth** *Dealers have ways and means of making people smuggle drugs for them.*

## 6 the way in which something is done

- ▶ how
- ▶ like this
- ▶ somehow
- ▶ by
- ▶ by means of

**how** /haʊ/ [adv] use this to say or ask the way that someone does something: *How do you get your CD player to work?* | *We don't know how she managed to escape.* | **+ to do sth** *My dad's teaching me how to use email.* | *She told me how to get to the Johnsons' house.*

**like this** /laɪk 'ðɪs/ [adv] spoken in this way – say this when you are showing someone the way to do something: *You have to fold the corners back like this.* | **something like this** *The program works something like this.*

**somehow** /'sʌmhaʊ/ [adv] if you do something somehow, you do it by using any method that is available: *There's a bus strike, but I'm sure Ian will get here somehow.* | *The newspaper had somehow got hold of some secret government papers.* | **somehow or other** *I'll find out her address somehow or other.*

**by** /baɪ/ [prep] using a particular method **by doing sth** *They got the information by bribing officials.* | *She earns a living by selling insurance.*

**by means of** /baɪ 'mi:nz ɒv/ [prep] using a particular method, tool, object etc: *FBI officers recorded the conversation by means of a tiny bug hidden in the phone.* | *She paid for the goods by means of a stolen credit card.*

## the way sb behaves

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **behave, character**

## 7 the way someone behaves or does something

- ▶ way
- ▶ manner
- ▶ how sb does sth
- ▶ style

**way** /weɪ/ [n C] *Losing a job affects different people in different ways.* | **the way (that) sb does sth** *I just love the way she laughs.* | *I could tell by the way he looked at me that he was annoyed.* | **sb's way of doing sth** *The younger girls admired Louise, and tried to copy her way of dressing and talking.* | **in the same/a different way** *We try to treat all the children in the same way.*

**manner** /'mænər/ [n singular] the way that someone behaves towards someone else and talks to them: *The doctor had a relaxed and friendly manner.* | **not like sb's manner** *a young man with a slightly shy, awkward manner*

**how sb does sth** /,haʊ (sb) 'dʌz (sth)/ [adv] use



this to talk about the way someone behaves or does something: *Have you noticed how she reacts when you mention her husband?* | *Just watch how he tricks the other player into going in the wrong direction.*

**style** /staɪl/ [n C] the particular way that someone does something or deals with other people, especially if this way has been chosen from several possible ways: *Cameron found my style aggressive, although I thought I was just being direct and honest.* | + **of** *Her friendly style of management works well with small groups of people.* | *an authoritarian style of leadership*

## 8 done in a particular way

- ▶ in a ... way/manner
- ▶ in a ... fashion
- ▶ with
- ▶ like
- ▶ -style
- ▶ along ... lines
- ▶ as if/as though
- ▶ with an air of

**in a ... way/manner** /ɪn ə ... 'weɪ, 'mænər/ [adv] *She was looking at me in a very strange way.* | *The wedding ceremony was conducted in quite a formal manner.*

**in a ... fashion** /ɪn ə ... 'fæʃən/ [adv] formal if you do something **in a particular fashion**, you do it in a particular way: *There's no reason why we can't behave in a civilized fashion even though we're getting divorced.*

**with** /wɪð, wɪθ/ [prep] **with enthusiasm/care/envy/delight etc** enthusiastically, carefully etc: *A sign warned motorists to drive with care.* | *He has borne his illness with great courage.* | *They set about tackling the problem with a great deal of enthusiasm.* | *'My daughter's been selected for the Olympic team,' she said, with understandable pride.*

**like** /laɪk/ [prep] in a particular way + **this/that** You **mustn't talk to people like that** – it's very rude. | *They were all waving their arms around, like this.* | **like sb** (=in the same way as someone) *He stood bolt upright, like a soldier.* | *He moves and talks just like his father.*

**-style** /staɪl/ done or made in a way that is typical of a place, group of people etc – use this after another noun or adjective: *Although he was educated in India, he went to an English-style boarding school.* | *They live in a beautiful little country-style house on the edge of town.* | *He wore his gun at the hip, cowboy-style.*

**along ... lines** /ə, lɒŋ ... 'laɪnz/ [adv] if something is done **along particular lines**, it is done in a way that is similar to the way you have mentioned **along socialist/military/institutional etc lines** *The school was run along almost military lines.* | **along the same/similar lines** *We must have been thinking along the same lines, because we both said together, 'Let's get out of here!'*

**as if/as though** /əz 'ɪf, əz 'ðəʊ/ [conjunction] in a way that seems to show that something has happened, something is true etc, even though this might not always be what has happened, what is true etc: *Dreen looked as if he'd seen a ghost.* | *She moved her legs slowly, as though in pain.*

**with an air of** /wɪð ən 'eər ɒv/ [prep] formal in a particular way – used in literature: *The affair had been conducted with an air of mystery which he disliked.* | *Lila came out into the yard with an air of happy confidence.*

## the way you go from one place to another

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **direction, go, travel**

## 9 the way to go from one place to another

- ▶ way
- ▶ how to get
- ▶ route
- ▶ short cut
- ▶ directions

**way** /weɪ/ [n singular] the road, path etc that you must follow in order to get to a place: *The road was blocked, so we came back a different way.* | **be the way** *Are you sure this is the way?* | + **to/into/home etc** *Is this the way to Grand Central Station?* | *I think this is the quickest way into town.* | *Do you think you can find the way home by yourself?* | **the right/wrong way** *I don't recognize this part of town – we must have come the wrong way.* | **know the way** (=know how to get somewhere) *Will you come with me? I don't know the way.*

**how to get** /, haʊ tə 'get/ if you ask or tell someone **how to get** somewhere, you ask or tell them the way to a place + **to** *Can you tell me how to get to the Piazza Venezia?* | **how to get there/back/home** *Come with me. I know how to get there.*

**route** /ru:t/ [n C] the way from one place to another, especially a way that is used regularly and can be shown on a map: *If you don't enjoy driving on the main highways, try some of the rural routes.* | *It looked as though the most direct route was through the forest.* | *I try to vary my route to and from work a little.* | **take a route** (=follow a route) *There are two routes we can take – this one along the coast or this one through the mountains.*

**short cut** /,ʃɔ:t 'kʌt/ [n C] a way of getting somewhere that is shorter than the usual way: *Taxi-drivers know all the short cuts.* | **take a short cut** (=use a short cut) *Let's take a short cut across the field.*

**directions** /dɪ'rekʃənz, daɪ-/ [n plural] instructions on how to get to a place: *I checked the directions and turned left as I was told to.* | + **to** *The letter contained a wedding invitation and directions to the church.* | **follow directions** *If you follow these directions you'll have no problem finding the house.*

## 10 to find out how to get to a place by using maps

- ▶ find your way
- ▶ navigate

**find your way** /,faɪnd jɔ:r 'weɪ/ [v phrase] to manage to get to a place, either by remembering the way from previous journeys, or by going the way you think is right: *Unable to find our way, we stopped at a local hotel to ask directions.* | **find your way to/home/out/back etc** *Somehow, I managed to find my way out of the forest.* | **find your own way** (=without anyone else's help) *If I take you there, do you think you'll be able to find your own way back?*

**navigate** /'nævɪgeɪt/ [v I] to find the way to a place using maps or by carefully remembering the position of various objects or places: *I don't mind driving but I'd like you to navigate.* | + **by** *Some birds fly at night and navigate by the stars.* — **navigation** /,nævɪ'geɪʃən/ [n U] *The fog and heavy rain made navigation difficult.*



# weak

## RELATED WORDS

opposite: — **strong**

- ▶ not brave *see* **brave/not brave**
- ▶ not good at making decisions quickly and firmly *see* **decide**
- ▶ weak taste *see* **taste (8)**
- ▶ *see also* **break**

## 1 physically weak

- |           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| ▶ weak    | ▶ puny     |
| ▶ frail   | ▶ weedy    |
| ▶ feeble  | ▶ weakling |
| ▶ fragile | ▶ weed     |
| ▶ shaky   |            |

**weak** /wi:k/ [adj] someone who is **weak** is not strong enough to lift heavy things or do a lot of physical work, especially because they are ill: *When you have flu, you feel tired and weak for a long time.* | *The child was too weak to undergo a transplant operation.* | *I can't go running – I've got a weak heart.* | + **from/with** *The soldiers were weak from hunger and exhaustion.* | *She felt weak with emotion at the sight of him.* — **weakness** [n U] *In spite of his physical weakness Harry kept himself as busy and active as possible.*

**frail** /freil/ [adj] someone who is **frail** is thin and weak, especially because they are old: *a frail 85-year-old lady* | *She sat up a little straighter, raising her frail body in the bed.* — **frailty** [n U] *We hadn't seen her for many years and were shocked by her frailty.*

**feeble** /'fi:bəl/ [adj] not physically strong because of being very young, old, ill etc.: *My grandmother's very feeble now and needs someone at home full-time to look after her.* | *He did not remember his sister at all, except as a tiny, feeble baby.* — **feebly** [adv] *I watched him as he tried, very slowly and feebly, to get out of bed.*

**fragile** /'frædʒaɪl-dʒəl/ [adj] someone who is **fragile** is so weak and delicate that they look as if they could easily be hurt: *The baby felt so fragile in his arms.* | *Two ambulance attendants picked up his fragile body and put him carefully onto a stretcher.*

**shaky** /'ʃeɪki/ [adj] feeling weak in your legs and only able to walk slowly and unsteadily: *Even after the long months of therapy Owen was still very shaky.* | **be shaky on your feet** *Her grandfather was a little shaky on his feet after the fall.* | **shaky steps** *The baby's taken her first few shaky steps.* — **shakily** [adv] *As I entered the room, he reached for his stick and got shakily to his feet.*

**puny** /'pju:ni/ [adj] especially written a man or boy who is **puny** is small, thin, and looks very weak: *Pete was a puny little boy with short hair and glasses.* | *His wife was such a big strong woman, she made him look puny.*

**weedy** /'wi:di/ [adj] British informal a man or boy who is **weedy** is thin and looks weak: *Mouse got his nickname because he was small and weedy.*

**weakling** /'wi:kliŋ/ [n C] someone, especially a boy or young man, who is weak and is not willing to fight or defend himself: *Most of the kids were weaklings and were frightened of getting in a fight.*

**weed** /wi:d/ [n C] British informal someone, especially a boy or young man, who is thin and weak – sometimes used humorously: *Everyone called me a weed when I was at school because I was so bad at sports.*

## 2 not powerful

▶ weak

**weak** /wi:k/ [adj] a **weak** leader, manager, or government does not have clear ideas about what should be done, and is too easily influenced by other people. A **weak** country does not have the power to defend itself: *He came across as a weak and indecisive leader.* | *Weak management led to failure of the business.* | *In 1949-50 China was a weak, vulnerable country, devastated by war.* — **weakness** [n U] *The President has often been accused of weakness.*

## 3 easy to attack or harm

▶ vulnerable

▶ defenceless

**vulnerable** /'vʌlnərəbəl/ [adj] someone who is **vulnerable** can easily be harmed or attacked: *a small vulnerable child in need of protection* | *Wild animals are at their most vulnerable when they are asleep.* | + **to** *The virus leaves sufferers vulnerable to a range of infections.*

**defenceless** British /**defenseless** American /dr'fensləs/ [adj] not strong enough or not able to protect yourself against an attack: *No one is doing anything to help these poor defenceless children.* | *While the mother bird searches for food she has to leave her chicks alone and defenseless in the nest.* | + **against** *He closed the door behind him, leaving her cruelly defenceless against his bitter attack.*

## 4 to make someone or something weak

▶ weaken

▶ debilitating

▶ sap sb's strength/energy

**weaken** /'wi:kən/ [v T] *Her long illness has weakened her so much that she has difficulty walking.* | *The city's defences had been weakened by enemy shelling.*

**sap sb's strength/energy** /sæp (sb's) 'streŋθ, 'enə'dʒi/ [v phrase] if something such as too much work or worry **saps your strength or energy**, it gradually takes away your energy and makes you weaker: *They were travelling very slowly, and the heavy load they were carrying sapped their strength.* | *The constant tension was sapping my energy.*

**debilitating** /dr'bilɪteɪtɪŋ/ [adj] written a **debilitating** disease or condition makes you physically or mentally weak: *He was still suffering the debilitating effects of flu.* | *The conditions under which doctors work are increasingly unhealthy and debilitating.*

## 5 to become weak

▶ weaken

▶ crumble

**weaken** /'wi:kən/ [v I] if someone's power, strength, or determination **weakens**, it becomes weaker: *By 1945, the country's power was weakening considerably.* | *The soldiers' morale was beginning to weaken.*

**crumble** /'krʌmbəl/ [v I] if your determination, courage etc **crumbles**, it becomes weak or fails: *Briggs' resolve crumbled and he reached for the whisky bottle.*



## 6 when a plant becomes weak

▶ wilt

▶ droop

**wilt** /wɪlt/ [v I] if a plant or flower **wilts**, it becomes weak and loses its colour, freshness etc, especially because of heat or lack of water: *Marigolds are a strong breed, less likely to wilt than other plants.* | *The plant in the corner was wilting, its brilliant yellow petals scattered on the floor.*

**droop** /dru:p/ [v I] if a plant or flower **droops**, it starts to hang down, especially because it is not getting enough water, and begins to die: *These flowers are beginning to droop. You'd better water them.* | *He watered the vines so little that the leaves drooped and the tendrils withered.*

# weapon

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **army, shoot, kill, destroy, hurt/injure, explode, attack, defend**

## 1 a weapon

▶ weapon

▶ arms

▶ ammunition

▶ weaponry

▶ arsenal

**weapon** /'wepən/ [n C] something that you use to fight with, such as a gun, bomb, or knife: *The men were finally persuaded to come out and hand over their weapons to the police.* | **carry a weapon** *The three men had blackened faces and were carrying weapons.* | **murder weapon** (=a weapon used to kill someone) *Police have not yet found the murder weapon.* | **an offensive weapon** (=one that can be used to attack someone) *He was arrested by police and charged with carrying an offensive weapon.* | **nuclear/chemical/conventional weapons** (=atom bombs, poisonous gases, or ordinary weapons) *a treaty to reduce the number of nuclear weapons*

**arms** /ɑ:'mz/ [n plural] weapons such as guns and bombs that are used for fighting against large numbers of people: *European governments have been supplying arms to the rebels.* | **carry arms** *Only certain members of the police force are allowed to carry arms.* | **lay down your arms** (=stop using arms) *The government has called on the terrorists to lay down their arms.* | **arms control** (=agreements between countries to limit the number of weapons they have) *The two countries have just signed a new agreement on arms control.*

**ammunition** /æmjʊ'nɪʃən/ [n U] bullets and other things that are fired from large or small guns: *The soldiers kept on firing until they had no more ammunition.* | *The terrorist group is believed to have significant quantities of guns, ammunition, and explosives.* | **round of ammunition** (=a single bullet) *We now knew that we were trapped, with only a few rounds of ammunition left.*

**weaponry** /'wepənri/ [n U] weapons used for fighting wars – use this especially when talking about how effective, modern etc they are: *It is a highly-trained army, with very sophisticated modern weaponry.* | **nuclear/conventional weaponry** *Many of the world's poorer countries are now beginning to invest in nuclear weaponry.*

**arsenal** /ɑ:'sənl/ [n C] all of the weapons and military equipment that a country or fighting force has:

*Their arsenal includes both SAM 7 missiles and anti-tank weapons.* | **+ of** *Police have discovered an arsenal of guns and ammunition in a London house.*

## 2 having weapons

▶ armed

**armed** /ɑ:'rmd/ [adj] someone who is **armed** is carrying a gun or other weapon: *The two men may be armed, and should not be approached by members of the public.* | *Over £60,000 worth of jewellery has been stolen by an armed gang in north London.* | **+ with** *The men were masked and armed with machine guns.* | **heavily armed** (=with lots of weapons) *a group of heavily armed soldiers*

## 3 having no weapons

▶ unarmed

▶ defenceless

**unarmed** /,ʌn'ɑ:'rmd/ [adj] someone who is **unarmed** is not carrying a gun or other weapon: *It was later discovered that the hijacker was unarmed.* | **unarmed civilians** *The army allegedly shot dead over 300 unarmed civilians.*

**defenceless** British /**defenseless** American /dɪ'fensləs/ [adj] a person, place, ship etc that is **defenceless** has no weapons and cannot defend itself against an attack: *In the first weeks of the war, dozens of defenceless ships were sunk by submarines.* | *The stick splintered under the blow and Alex was left defenseless.*

## 4 to get weapons or provide someone with weapons

▶ arm

▶ rearm

**arm** /ɑ:'rɪm/ [v T] to provide someone with weapons: *The rebels were trained, armed, and financed by foreign governments.* | *The majority of people still do not believe we should arm our police force.* | **arm yourself with sth** *We armed ourselves with whatever we could find – sticks, knives, bricks.*

**rearm** /ri:'ɑ:'rɪm/ [v I] if a country **rearms**, it gets new or better supplies of weapons in order to prepare for fighting a war, especially after a period of peace: *They remain opposed to any suggestion that the country should be allowed to rearm.*

# weather

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **hot, cold, wet, dry, environment**

## 1 weather

▶ weather

▶ it

▶ climate

▶ conditions

**weather** /'weðər/ [n U] use this to talk about whether it is hot or cold outside or whether it is raining, snowing, windy etc: *Weather patterns have been changing as a result of global warming.* | **the weather** *What was the weather like on your vacation?* | *We want to have a picnic on Saturday, but it depends on the weather.* | **hot/warm/wet etc weather** *a period of warm sunny weather* | *I don't like going to work on my bike in wet weather.* |



**weather permitting** (=if the weather is suitable) *We'll play softball in the park tomorrow, weather permitting.*

**it** /ɪt/ [pron] spoken use this to talk about what the weather is like: *What's it like in Spain at this time of year? Is it really hot?* | **it's cold/sunny/cloudy etc** *The weather forecast says it's going to be cloudy tomorrow.* | *It was cool and sunny when we left this morning.*

**climate** /ˈklaɪmɪt/ [n C] the usual weather conditions in a particular country or area: *Queensland has a warm tropical climate.* | *These flowers will not grow in a cold climate.* | **+ of** *The climate of southern Florida attracts thousands of tourists each winter.* | **climate change** (=changes in average temperature, weather conditions etc) *The recent floods are said to be caused by climate change in the northern hemisphere.*

**conditions** /kənˈdɪʃənz/ [n plural] the weather at a particular time, especially when considering how this will affect an event or activity that has been planned, such as a journey or a race: *Conditions are perfect for today's boat race.* | *If the conditions are really bad we'll have to postpone the trip and stay at home.* | **weather conditions** *We can expect a return to normal weather conditions this weekend.* | **freezing/icy/stormy etc conditions** *Freezing conditions are making the roads extremely hazardous and drivers are warned to take extra care.*

## 2 connected with the weather

- ▶ climatic
- ▶ atmospheric
- ▶ meteorological

**climatic** /klaɪˈmætɪk/ [adj only before noun] especially written connected with the weather in a large area over a long period of time: *toxic gases that threaten the earth's climatic balance* | *The types of rice grown in a country depend on climatic conditions.* | *Climatic changes are caused by the increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.*

**meteorological** /ˌmi:tɪərəˈlɒdʒɪkəl/ [adj only before noun] connected with the scientific study of the weather: *Meteorological reports are fed into a computer, which helps scientists make accurate predictions about the weather.* | *His meteorological observations resulted in a theory of how tropical storms arise in the Gulf of Mexico.*

**atmospheric** /ˌætˈmɒsˈferɪk/ [adj only before noun] connected with the air that surrounds the earth and how it affects the weather: *Snow crystals form when atmospheric conditions turn water vapour into ice.* | *The cylinder swelled and contracted with the changing atmospheric pressure.*

## 3 information about the weather

- ▶ weather forecast
- ▶ the weather
- ▶ weather report
- ▶ the outlook

**weather forecast** /ˈweðər ˌfɔːrˌkɑːst/-kæst/ [n C] a description of what the weather will probably be like in the near future, for example on the radio, television, or in newspapers: *The weather forecast predicted blizzards for Scotland.* | *'Do you think it's going to rain?' 'Well it said so on the weather forecast.'*

**weather report** /ˈweðər rɪˌpɔːrt/ [n C] a description of the weather conditions now and in the near future, especially one on the radio or television: *There are weather reports every hour to keep you up*

*to date with driving conditions in your area.* | *And now over to the London Weather Centre for the latest weather report.*

**the weather** /ðə ˈweðər/ [n singular] informal a short radio, television, or newspaper report saying what **the weather** is likely to be in the near future: *The news from your area will follow the weather in five minutes time.*

**the outlook** /ði ˈaʊtlʊk/ [n singular] what the weather will probably be like for the next few days, especially according to information provided by the radio, television, or newspapers: *I'm afraid the outlook isn't very good – they say it's going to rain tomorrow.* | **the outlook for tomorrow/the weekend etc** *The outlook for the weekend is for continued sunny weather.*

## 4 good weather

- ▶ good weather
- ▶ beautiful/
- ▶ gorgeous/glorious
- ▶ nice
- ▶ fine
- ▶ dry
- ▶ sunny
- ▶ sunshine
- ▶ in the sun

**good weather** /ɡʊd ˈweðər/ [n U] weather that is sunny and warm **get/have good weather** *We go to Greece every Easter, and we usually get good weather.* | *We had good weather apart from one day of heavy rain.* | **a spell/run of good weather** *You must be ready to take advantage of any spell of good weather.* | **in good weather** *Sometimes, in good weather, he walked to work across the fields.*

**beautiful/gorgeous/glorious** /ˈbjʊːtɪfəl, ˈɡɔːrˌdʒəs, ˈɡlɔːrɪəs/ [adj] especially spoken very sunny and warm: *It was a glorious day with blue skies.* | *We had three weeks of absolutely gorgeous weather.* | **it is beautiful/gorgeous/glorious** *What's happened to the weather? It was beautiful last week.*

**nice** spoken ALSO **lovely** especially British, spoken /naɪs, ˈlʌvli/ [adj] pleasantly warm and sunny: *Morning, Bill. Nice weather, isn't it?* | **it's a nice day/it's a lovely morning etc** *It's a lovely day – why don't we go for a walk?*

**fine** /faɪn/ [adj] especially British if the weather is **fine**, it is not raining and the sky is clear: *Next week will be fine but a little cooler.* | *a fine spring evening* | *It can take several days of fine weather for the grass to dry out.*

**dry** /draɪ/ [adj] if the weather is **dry**, it does not rain: *The dry weather will continue for several days* | *Southern areas should stay dry until the early evening.* | **the dry season** (=the time of year when there is little or no rain) *During the dry season, many of the swamps turn to hard-baked mud.*

**sunny** /ˈsʌni/ [adj] if the weather is **sunny**, the sun is shining: *a lovely sunny afternoon* | *It's going to be sunny all day.* | **sunny spells/intervals** especially British (=short periods of sunny weather) *The weather will remain dry with sunny spells.*

**sunshine** /ˈsʌnʃaɪn/ [n U] warm bright light from the sun: *We sat on the patio enjoying the autumn sunshine.* | *Northern regions will start dry with some sunshine.*

**in the sun** /ɪn ðə ˈsʌn/ [adv] where the sun is shining down: *I get a rash every time I go in the sun.* | *Put the plant on a window sill in the sun.* | **lie/laze/bask etc in the sun** *We spent all day lazing around in the sun.*



## 5 bad weather

► **bad weather**

► **awful/terrible/horrible**

**bad weather** /bæd 'weðər/ [n U] when it is raining, snowing, or very cold: *The game was cancelled because of bad weather.* | **a spell/run of bad weather** *Once this spell of bad weather is over, we can start work on the garden.* | **in bad weather** *At least 20 people died when the aircraft crashed in bad weather.*

**awful/terrible/horrible** /'ɔ:fəl, 'terɪbəl, 'hɒrɪbəl/ [hɔ:-/ [adj] especially spoken very unpleasant, cold, wet etc: *Awful weather, isn't it?* | *'What's it like outside?' 'Terrible.'* | **it is awful/terrible/horrible** *It's been absolutely horrible all day.*

## 6 weather that changes a lot

► **unsettled**

► **changeable**

**unsettled** /ʌn'setld/ [adj] if the weather is **unsettled**, it keeps changing and it often rains: *More unsettled weather is forecast for the weekend.* | **continue unsettled** British (=used in weather forecasts) *Tomorrow will continue unsettled, with showers in most areas.*

**changeable** /'tʃeɪndʒəbəl/ [adj] especially British likely to change suddenly: *The British weather is very changeable.* | *The changeable weather that November brings can lead to foggy conditions.*

## 7 hot weather

► **hot**

► **boiling/scorching**

► **warm**

► **mild**

► **humid**

► *see also* **sweat**

**hot** /hɒt/ [hɑ:t/ [adj] *We had three weeks of very hot weather.* | *It was the hottest summer this century.* | **it is hot** *Isn't it hot today?*

**boiling/scorching** /'bɔɪlɪŋ, 'skɔ:rtʃɪŋ/ [adj] especially spoken extremely hot **it is boiling/scorching** *It's boiling out here! Let's go inside and get a cool drink.* | **boiling hot/scorching hot** *It was a boiling hot day, and the kids were out playing in the pool.*

**warm** /wɔ:rm/ [adj] pleasantly hot, but not too hot: *I'm looking forward to some warmer weather.* | **nice and warm** *It was nice and warm in the sunshine.*

**mild** /maɪld/ [adj] **mild** winter weather is pleasant because it is not as cold as it usually is: *It seems quite mild for February.* | *Some plants will survive outside during a mild winter.*

**humid** /'hju:mɪd/ [adj] if the weather is **humid**, the air is hot and wet in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable: *Tokyo is very humid in summer.* | *It was a hot, humid day, and the only sound was the buzzing of insects.*

## 8 cold weather

► **cold**

► **cool**

► **chilly**

► **freezing**

**cold** /kəʊld/ [adj] *I'd hate to live somewhere where it's always cold.* | *The car is difficult to start, especially on cold winter mornings.* | *It's so cold. I wish I was back home in Morocco.* — **the cold** [n singular] cold weather outside: *Come in out of the cold.*

**cool** /ku:l/ [adj] pleasantly cold, especially compared

to the heat of the sun: *It gets much cooler in the evenings.* | *We stopped at a cool, grassy area, under the shade of the trees.* — **the cool of** [n phrase] *He liked to take a stroll in the cool of the evening.*

**chilly** /'tʃɪli/ [adj] a little cold, in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable: *It was getting chilly outside, so we went back into the house.* | *Despite the chilly autumn afternoon, she was wearing a thin cotton dress.*

**freezing** /'fri:zɪŋ/ [adj] especially spoken extremely cold: *Supporters queued for tickets all night in freezing conditions.* | **it is freezing** *Can't we go inside? It's freezing out here.* | **freezing cold** *a freezing cold day in January*

## 9 rain

► **rain**

► **rain**

► **it's raining**

► **it's pouring**

► **it's drizzling**

► **it's sprinkling**

► **wet/rainy**

► **shower**

► **the wet**

► **the rainy season/the Monsoon**

► *see also* **wet**

**rain** /reɪn/ [n U] water that falls from the sky in small drops **the rain** *The rain was beating against the window.* | **in the rain** *I like walking in the rain* | **heavy/torrential rain** (=a lot of rain) *The roads are flooded after a period of exceptionally heavy rain.* | *The coast has been battered by torrential rain all week.* | **light rain** (=a little rain) *Some light rain is likely in the Boston area.* | **rain falls** (=comes down from the sky) *Four inches of rain have fallen in four days.* | **acid rain** (=rain that contains harmful chemicals from industry) *When acid rain falls, it affects the pH balance of the soil.*

**rain** /reɪn/ [v I] if it **rains**, water falls from the sky in the form of small drops **it rains** *It rained all night, and half the day after.* | *Take an umbrella in case it rains.*

**it's raining** /ɪts 'reɪnɪŋ/ spoken use this to say that rain is falling now: *Look, it's raining again.* | *Is it still raining?* | **it's raining hard/heavily** (=raining a lot) *It had been raining heavily and the ground was very soft.*

**it's pouring** /ɪts 'pɔ:ɪnɪŋ/ spoken use this to say that it is raining very hard: *As soon as I got outside it started pouring.* | **it's pouring with rain** British *It was pouring with rain and she had forgotten her umbrella.*

**it's drizzling** /ɪts 'drɪzəlɪŋ/ spoken use this to say that it is raining a little, with very small drops of rain: *I think I'll walk to work – it's only drizzling.*

**it's sprinkling** /ɪts 'sprɪŋklɪŋ/ American spoken use this to say that it is raining a little, usually when it will not last long: *'Is it raining out?' 'It's just sprinkling.'* — **sprinkle** [n C] a short light rain: *There were a few sprinkles this afternoon, but the sun was shining through it all.*

**wet/rainy** /wet, 'reɪni/ [adj] if the weather is **wet** or **rainy**, it rains a lot: *It's been wet all week.* | *You should bring a waterproof jacket and strong boots in case of wet weather.* | *a rainy weekend in November*

**shower** /'ʃaʊər/ [n C] a short period of rain, especially light rain: *It was just a shower, so we didn't get too wet* | **heavy showers** (=when a lot of rain falls for short periods) *Heavy showers are forecast for the weekend.* | **light showers** (=when a small amount of rain falls during short periods) *The weather will be cloudy with light showers in places.*



**the wet** /ðə 'wet/ [n phrase] spoken wet weather outdoors: *Come on in out of the wet.*

**the rainy season/the Monsoon** /ðə 'reɪniːsɪzən, ðə mɒn'suːn-maɪn-/ [n singular] a time of the year when it rains a lot in hot countries: *The seeds must be planted in time for the rainy season.* | *At this time of year, before the Monsoon, the river is at its lowest.* | **monsoon rains** *During the monsoon rains, torrents of water spill down the mountains.*

## 10 snow and ice

- ▶ snow
- ▶ snow
- ▶ it's snowing
- ▶ hail/hail stones
- ▶ sleet
- ▶ frost
- ▶ icy

**snow** /snəʊ/ [n U] soft white pieces of frozen water that fall from the sky in cold weather: *The tops of the mountains were still covered in snow.* | *Tony and I trudged home through the deep snow.* | *When climbing in snow and ice, it is essential to use the correct gear.* | **snow falls** *Some snow is expected to fall in the Rockies tonight.* | **snow storm** *She disappeared without trace in a heavy snow storm.* | **virgin snow** (=snow on the ground that looks clean and white because no-one has stepped on it, driven on it etc) *There was a single line of footprints in the virgin snow.*

**snow** /snəʊ/ [v I] if **it snows**, soft white pieces of frozen water fall from the sky when the weather is cold **it snows** *It snowed continually for three weeks.*

**it's snowing** /ɪts 'snəʊɪŋ/ spoken use this to say that it is snowing now: *It was snowing when he left the house.*

**hail/hail stones** /heɪl, 'heɪl stəʊnz/ [n U] frozen raindrops that fall as small balls of ice: *There were frequent showers of rain and hail.* | *Even in England, half-inch diameter hail stones are not unusual.*

**sleet** /sliːt/ [n U] a mixture of snow and rain: *We couldn't see anything because of the sleet and snow.*

**frost** /frɒst/ [n U] ice that looks white and powdery and covers things when the temperature is very cold: *The grass and trees were white with frost.* | *Frost covered all the windows.*

**icy** /'aɪsi/ [adj] covered in ice and very slippery: *Be careful – the roads are icy this morning.* | *Despite the icy ground, he was urging his horse on faster and faster.*

## 11 cloudy

- ▶ cloudy
- ▶ dull
- ▶ grey
- ▶ overcast
- ▶ cloud
- ▶ fog
- ▶ mist

**cloudy** /'klaʊdi/ [adj] if the weather is **cloudy**, there are a lot of clouds in the sky: *You can still get sun-burnt on a cloudy day.*

**dull** /dʌl/ [adj] if the weather is **dull**, it is cloudy and there is no sunshine: *It will be dry but dull this morning, with the possibility of showers later in the day.*

**grey** ALSO **gray** American /greɪ/ [adj] especially written cloudy and not at all bright: *It was a grey winter morning.*

**overcast** /əʊvə'rkaːst- 'kæst-/ [adj] if the sky is **overcast**, it is very cloudy and dark, and there will probably be rain: *The sky was overcast, and a light rain began to fall.*

**cloud** /klaʊd/ [n C/U] a white or grey mass in the sky that rain falls from: *There wasn't a single cloud in the sky.* | **thick/dense cloud** *Dense cloud prevented the rescue helicopter from taking off.*

**fog** /fɒg/ [n U] thick cloudy air near the ground that is very difficult to see through **the fog** *I could just make out a dim figure coming towards me in the fog.* | **patch of fog** *Watch out for patches of fog in low-lying areas.* | **thick/dense fog** *Dense fog is making driving conditions difficult on many roads.* | **the fog lifts/clears** (=it goes away) *The fog has almost cleared – our plane will be able to take off soon* — **foggy** [adj] *a foggy November evening*

**mist** /mɪst/ [n singular/U] wet light cloud near the ground, which is difficult to see through clearly: *A light mist lay in the valley.* | *The mist along the river banks had gone by mid-morning.* | **shrouded/veiled in mist** (=be covered in mist) *From Primrose Hill, London looked like a ruined city shrouded in mist.* — **misty** [adj] *It may be misty in the east in the morning.*

## 12 windy

- ▶ windy
- ▶ wind
- ▶ breeze
- ▶ gale

**windy** /'windi/ [adj] if the weather is **windy**, there is a lot of wind: *It was a bright windy day in October.* | *The windy conditions made it difficult to put the tent up.*

**wind** /waɪnd/ [n C/U] a moving current of air near the ground: *We walked home through the wind and the rain.* | **the wind blows** *A bitter wind was blowing from the East* | **in the wind** *The flags fluttered gently in the wind.* | **strong/high wind** *Strong winds caused damage to many buildings.* | **gust of wind** (=when the wind suddenly blows strongly) *A sudden gust of wind blew the paper out of his hand.*

**breeze** /briːz/ [n C] a gentle pleasant wind: *A cool breeze blew in off the sea.* | **slight/gentle breeze** *A gentle breeze ruffled her hair.* | **in the breeze** *Her black hair was blowing in the breeze as she waved goodbye to me.*

**gale** /geɪl/ [n C] a very strong wind: *The fence was blown down in the gale last night.* | **a howling gale** (=a very strong gale) *A howling gale and torrential rain lashed the windows.*

## 13 storm

- ▶ storm
- ▶ thunderstorm
- ▶ thunder
- ▶ lightning
- ▶ blizzard
- ▶ hurricane/typhoon
- ▶ tornado

**storm** /stɔːrm/ [n C] a period of very bad weather, when there is a lot of rain, wind, and sometimes thunder and lightning: *The Spanish ships were wrecked in the storm.* | **a severe storm** *There had not been such severe storms in southern England for hundreds of years.* | **storm cloud** *The storm clouds were gathering over the sea.* — **stormy** [adj] *stormy weather* | *The sky was starting to look stormy.*

**thunderstorm** /'θʌndər'stɔːrm/ [n C] a storm where there is a lot of thunder and lightning: *There was a spectacular thunderstorm that night.*

**thunder** /'θʌndər/ [n U] the loud crashing noise that you hear in a storm **thunder rumbles/crashes** *They could hear thunder rumbling in the distance.* | **clap of thunder/thunder clap** (=one sudden noise of thunder) *There was a thunder clap followed instantly by lightning.* | **thunder and lightning** *The*



*thunder and lightning seemed to have moved away, but the rain continued to pour.*

**lightning** /'laɪtnɪŋ/ [n U] a bright flash of light in the sky during a storm **flash of lightning** *A flash of lightning lit up the whole sky.* | **thunder and lightning** *There was a great summer storm, with thunder and lightning and heavy rain.*

**blizzard** /'blɪzəd/ [n C] a storm with a lot of snow and strong winds: *Eliot had to drive home in the blizzard.*

**hurricane/typhoon** /'hʌrɪkən||'hɜːrɪkeɪn, 'taɪfuːn/ [n C] a severe storm with very strong winds that causes a lot of damage. **Hurricanes** happen in the western Atlantic Ocean. **Typhoons** happen in the western Pacific Ocean.: *The hurricane devastated Florida and killed at least 40 people.* | *The typhoon brought 30 foot waves crashing down on to the sea walls.*

**tornado** /tɔːr'neɪdəʊ/ [n C] a small but very powerful twisting mass of air that causes a lot of damage. **Tornadoes** are most common in the central area of the US: *A tornado destroyed twelve homes in Ashport, Tennessee yesterday.*

## 14 happening or used in any kind of weather

- ▶ rain or shine
- ▶ all-weather
- ▶ in all weathers

**rain or shine** /,reɪn ɔːr 'ʃaɪn/ [adv] if something happens **rain or shine**, it always happens or it will definitely happen whether the weather is good or bad: *My husband plays golf every weekend, rain or shine.* | **come rain or shine** *Organizers say the concert in Central Park will go ahead come rain or shine.*

**in all weathers** /ɪn ɔːl 'weðərz/ [adv] British if someone does something **in all weathers**, they do it in all kinds of weather, even when the weather is very unpleasant: *There are homeless people sleeping on the streets of London in all weathers.* | *She loves gardening – she's out in her garden in all weathers.*

**all-weather** /'ɔːl weðər/ [adj only before noun] use this about a sports ground or sports equipment which can be used in any weather conditions: *The team now have their own all-weather stadium, and matches are rarely cancelled.* | *an all-weather jacket*

## weigh

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **heavy, light/not heavy, measure**

## 1 ways of saying how heavy something or someone is

- ▶ weigh
- ▶ weight
- ▶ be 5 kilos/10 pounds etc
- ▶ how heavy
- ▶ weigh in at

**weigh** /wei/ [v not in progressive] *How much do you weigh, Diane?* | *At all ages, men weigh more than women.* | **weigh 20 lbs/2 tonnes/3.5 kilos etc** *I weigh eight stone now, exactly.* | *I've never seen anything like it – some of those cabbages must have weighed 8 pounds at least.* | **weigh a ton** informal (=be very heavy) *It'll take two of us to get it out of the car, it weighs a ton!*

**weight** /wert/ [n U] the amount that someone or something weighs: *Your weight is about right for someone of your height.* | *Top quality hams range in weight from eight to eighteen pounds.* | **+ of** *The cost of postage depends on the weight of the package* | **12 tonnes/3 kilos/2 pounds etc in weight** *The average sperm whale is 72 feet long and about 90 tons in weight.* | **gain/put on weight** (=become heavier than you were before) *It's true, people who stop smoking do tend to gain weight.* | *I think he looks better now that he's put on some weight.* | **lose weight** (=become less heavy than you were before) *I've been trying to lose weight for over a year now.* | **weight loss** (=when someone begins to weigh less than they did before) *Sudden or unexplained weight loss may be an early indication of health problems.* | **birth weight** (=what a baby weighs when it is born – used in technical contexts) *Twins and triplets are expected to have lower birth weights than single infants.*

**be 5 kilos/10 pounds etc** /biː ˈfaɪv 'kiːləʊz/ [v phrase] to weigh 5 kilos, 10 pounds etc: *Sandra's baby was only 4lb 7oz when it was born.* | *If the parcel is over 2 kilos, you have to pay 50p more.*

**how heavy** /,haʊ 'hevi/ [adj phrase] use this to ask or say how much something weighs, especially something that is very heavy: *How heavy is the average small car?* | *I didn't realise how heavy each brick was until I tried to pick one up.* | *You'd be surprised how heavy these sacks are.*

**weigh in at** /,wei 'ɪn æt/ [v] if a sports person **weighs in at** a particular weight, that is what they weigh just before a sports event **weigh in at 250 pounds/80 kilos etc** *The champion weighed in at 225 pounds before his last fight.*

## 2 to measure how much something or someone weighs

- ▶ weigh

**weigh** /wei/ [v T] to measure the weight of a person or thing: *You have to weigh the sugar exactly when you make wine.* | *a special machine that weighs each truck and its cargo* | **weigh yourself/himself etc** *Have you weighed yourself lately?*

## well-dressed

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **fashionable, style/elegance, clothes**

## 1 wearing good clothes and looking tidy

- ▶ well-dressed
- ▶ smart
- ▶ neat
- ▶ presentable
- ▶ well-groomed
- ▶ sharp
- ▶ dapper
- ▶ well turned out
- ▶ snazzy

**well-dressed** /,wel 'drest/ [adj] wearing good or expensive clothes: *The photograph showed a well-dressed man in his early 50s.* | *The young woman with the children looked too well-dressed to be a nanny.* | *He walked into the party with a beautiful well-dressed blonde on his arm.*

**smart** /smɑːrt/ [adj] British if you look **smart** or your clothes are **smart**, you are dressed in an attractive



way and you look very tidy: *The editor was slim, smart and dark-haired.* | *You look really smart today, Chris. Have you got a job interview?* | *The waitresses were the smartest ones I'd ever seen.* | *That's a smart suit, Sam.* — **smartly** [adv] *The children stood in neat rows, smartly dressed in school uniform.*

**neat** /ni:t/ [adj] If you look **neat** or if you have **neat** clothes, the clothes you are wearing are clean, ironed, and fit you properly: *She had been waiting there all night, but she still looked neat.* | *A man in a neat gray suit sat on the other side of the bar.* | **neat and clean** *They didn't have much money, but the children were always neat and clean.* — **neatly** [adv] *He was polite and neatly dressed.*

**presentable** /pri:'zentəbəl/ [adj] well-dressed enough for meeting people, socially or in your job: *We don't have to wear suits for work, but we do have to look presentable.* | *Arnold was a very presentable young fellow.*

**well-groomed** /wel 'gru:md-/ [adj] someone who is **well-groomed** has clean, neat hair, wears good clothes, and looks as if they have spent a lot of time and money on their appearance: *She's marrying a well-groomed successful businessman named Paul.* | *Ambassadors' wives are expected to look fashionable and well-groomed.*

**sharp** /ʃɑ:'p/ [adj] dressed in a way that shows you have good judgement about what clothes look good on you and what other people will admire: *Hey, you look sharp. Where'd you get the suit?* | **sharp dresser** *Paula's a very sharp dresser, so I always have her go shopping with me.*

**dapper** /'dæpər/ [adj] a man, especially a small man, who is **dapper** wears neat, tidy clothes and is generally very smart in appearance: *The Captain was a dapper little man with a neat moustache and shiny shoes.* | *Graham walked into the restaurant, looking dapper in a grey business suit.*

**well turned out** /wel tɜ:'nd 'aʊt-/ [adj phrase] someone who is **well turned out** has taken care that their clothes and general appearance are clean and neat, for example for a special occasion: *Nico looked trim and well turned out in a new dark suit.* | *The principal expected everyone to be well turned out on graduation day.*

**snazzy** /'snæzi/ [adj] informal clothes that are **snazzy** are bright, colourful, and attractive: *I love those snazzy little silk dresses.* | *There were racks and racks of snazzy swimming trunks.* | *Dale spun around the dance floor in a snazzy blue suit.*

## 2 to make yourself look well-dressed and tidy

- ▶ **smarten yourself up**    ▶ **make yourself presentable**
- ▶ **spruce (yourself) up/get spruced up**

**smarten yourself up** /,smɑ:'tn jɔ:'self 'ʌp/ [v phrase] British if you **smarten yourself up**, you make yourself look smart by changing your clothes, arranging your hair etc: *She's smartening herself up in the ladies' room.* | *Jeremy, go smarten yourself up before dinner.* | **smartening up** *Smarten up! It's time for inspection.*

**spruce (yourself) up/get spruced up** /,spru:s (jɔ:'self) 'ʌp, get ,spru:st 'ʌp/ [v phrase] to wash, tidy your hair, put on good clothes etc before doing something or going somewhere: *On Saturdays we got spruced up and headed off into town.* | *He spent a few minutes sprucing up in front of the*

*mirror and he was ready to go.* | *I think I'll go and spruce myself up before dinner.*

**make yourself presentable** /,meɪk jɔ:'self pri:'zentəbəl/ [v phrase] to wash, put on nice enough clothes, and tidy your hair so that you can meet people: *Give me a few more minutes to make myself presentable and I'll be with you.*

# wet

## RELATED WORDS

opposite: **dry**  
▶ see also **water, liquid, weather**

## 1 wet

- ▶ **wet**
- ▶ **soaked**
- ▶ **soaking/sopping/dripping wet**
- ▶ **be soaking**
- ▶ **drenched**
- ▶ **soggy**
- ▶ **sodden**
- ▶ **saturated**
- ▶ **waterlogged**
- ▶ **awash**

**wet** /wet/ [adj] if something is **wet**, it has a lot of liquid on it or in it; if someone is **wet**, their clothes, skin, and hair are wet: *I can't come out yet – my hair's still wet.* | *You'd better change out of those wet clothes.* | *Let's not sit here – the grass is wet.* | *Freshly wet roads are dangerous because oil and dust mix with the water to make them slippery.* | **get wet** *Hurry up with the umbrella – I'm getting wet!* | **all wet** informal *When he got out of the boat, the sleeves of his sweater were all wet.* | **wet paint/ink** (=that has not yet dried) *All the benches had been painted and had 'wet paint' signs on them.*

**soaked** /səʊkt/ [adj not before noun] very wet all the way through: *Your clothes are soaked. Leave them in front of the fire to dry.* | *Don't leave the cushions in the garden. They'll get soaked if it rains.* | + **with** *Panting and soaked with sweat, Ron came running into the house.* | **soaked to the skin** *When the men came in from the storm, they were soaked to the skin.* | **soaked through** (=extremely wet) *After a morning walk through the meadow, my shoes were completely soaked through.*

**soaking/sopping/dripping wet** ALSO **wringing wet** British /,səʊkɪŋ, ,sɒpɪŋ, ,drɪpɪŋ 'wet||,sa:p-, ,rɪŋɪŋ 'wet/ [adj not usually before noun] someone or something that is **soaking wet** etc is so wet that drops of water fall from them: *We were soaking wet by the time we got out of the rain.* | *There's no way I can wear this shirt tonight – it's still sopping wet.* | *Can I call you back in five minutes? I just got out of the shower and I'm dripping wet.*

**be soaking** /bi: 'səʊkɪŋ/ [v phrase] someone who is **soaking** is very wet, so that drops of water fall from their clothes or hair: *You're soaking. Take those wet clothes off before you catch a cold.* | *Someone had pushed Sally into the swimming pool, and she was soaking.*

**drenched** /drentʃt/ [adj not before noun] if a person or area is **drenched**, it is completely wet, because a lot of rain or water has poured onto them: *Everyone got completely drenched when a huge wave hit the boat.* | *The two and a half hour walk in the wind and rain left us drenched.*

**soggy** /'sɒgi||'sɑ:gi/ [adj] something that is **soggy** is softer than usual and looks or feels unpleasant, because it has become wet: *Breakfast was terrible – the eggs were burnt and the toast was soggy.* | *A soggy pile of old leaves lay in the corner of the yard.*



**sodden** /'sɒdn̩/'sɑːdn̩/ [adj] especially British something that is **sodden** is very wet and heavy, and is usually spoiled because there is so much water in it: *His shoes were sodden and covered with mud.* | *Mary tried to read the writing in her sodden address book, but it was impossible.*

**saturated** /'sætʃəreɪtɪd/ [adj not before noun] something that is **saturated** is so wet that it cannot hold any more water or liquid: *When the summer rains begin, the soil quickly becomes saturated.* | + **with** *The bandage around his knee was already saturated with blood.*

**waterlogged** /'wɔːtər'lɒgd̩-'lɔːgd̩/ [adj] ground that is **waterlogged** has water on its surface, because it is so wet it cannot hold any more water: *The game was cancelled because the field was waterlogged.* | *You can plant the seeds anytime, as long as the soil is not frozen or waterlogged.*

**awash** /ə'wɒʃ||ə'wɔːʃ, ə'wɑːʃ/ [adj not before noun] written if a floor or area is **awash**, it is covered with a lot of water: *The ship leaned further to starboard and soon the decks were awash.* | + **with/in** *The toilet leaks, leaving the bathroom floor awash in slimy water.*

## 2 slightly wet

- ▶ damp
- ▶ moist
- ▶ clammy

**damp** /dæmp/ [adj] slightly wet, especially in an unpleasant way: *Don't put that shirt on. It's still damp.* | *Clean the counter with a damp cloth.* | *Be careful you don't slip – the grass is damp.* | *There was a damp spot on the ceiling.*

**moist** /mɔɪst/ [adj] something that is **moist** is slightly wet, and this is the way it should be: *The mixture should be slightly moist, but not sticky.* | *Water the plants regularly to keep the soil moist.* | *The sandwiches are made with moist slices of chicken breast, topped with various ingredients.*

**clammy** /'klæmi/ [adj] something that is **clammy**, especially someone's skin, is slightly wet and feels unpleasantly cold and sticky: *As soon as the interview began, I felt my hands go clammy.* | *We were left waiting in our clammy clothes for over an hour.* | + **with** *His whole body was clammy with sweat as a result of the malaria.*

## 3 when the air feels wet

- ▶ humid
- ▶ damp
- ▶ muggy
- ▶ sticky
- ▶ dank

**humid** /'hjuːmɪd/ [adj] **humid** air or weather is hot and wet in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable: *Summers in Tokyo are hot and humid.* | *Her clothes were sticking to her, but the humid air didn't seem to bother Ralph.* | *The entire island is covered by thick humid jungle.* — **humidity** /hjuː'mɪdɪti/ [n U] *The humidity makes it feel even hotter here.*

**damp** /dæmp/ [adj] **damp** air or weather is slightly wet in an unpleasant way, and makes you feel cold: *It's cold and damp outside – make sure you wear a warm coat.* | *At first I hated the damp weather in Britain.* — **damp/dampness** [n U] *The constant cold and damp made Tony feel even worse.*

**muggy** /'mʌgi/ [adj] **muggy** weather is very warm and wet, and there is no wind, so that you feel very uncomfortable: *When it's hot and muggy, no one feels like working.* | *It was a warm muggy afternoon, and it looked like it would rain.*

**sticky** /'stɪki/ [adj] very hot and wet, making you feel uncomfortable and dirty: *We left Rome on a hot sticky day in August.* | *Something about the sticky humid weather made people feel a little angry.*

**dank** /dæŋk/ [adj] air that is **dank**, especially the air in an enclosed room or space, is unpleasantly wet and cold and smells bad: *The air in the room was heavy and dank, and I couldn't sleep.* | *I'm not surprised he's miserable, living in that dank old house.* | *The bag had been sitting in a dank tent for three days and smelled like an old laundry hamper.*

## 4 to make someone or something wet

- ▶ get sth wet
- ▶ wet
- ▶ soak
- ▶ splash
- ▶ drench
- ▶ flood
- ▶ swamp
- ▶ saturate

**get sth wet** /,get (sth) 'wet/ [v phrase] especially spoken to make something wet, especially by not taking enough care to keep it dry: *Don't splash me – I don't want to get my hair wet.* | *How did you manage to get the bathroom floor so wet?* | *She can't wash the dishes without getting the front of her clothes all wet.*

**wet** /wet/ [v T] to deliberately put water or other liquid onto something: *The other hairdresser usually wets my hair before she cuts it.* | *She wet her index finger and cleaned the spot off the mirror.* | *Wetting the toothbrush before you put the toothpaste on makes the bristles softer.*

**soak** /səʊk/ [v T] if you **soak** something, you leave it in water for a long time in order to make it clean, soft etc. If water or another liquid **soaks** something, it makes it very wet: *Soak the beans overnight before cooking.* | *The rain had come in through the bottom of our tent and completely soaked our clothes.* | **soak sth in sth** *Soak a piece of cotton in water and use it to clean the wound.*

**splash** /splæʃ/ [v T] to make someone or something wet by making a lot of small drops of water fall onto them, either deliberately or accidentally: *The kids were playing around in the pool, splashing each other.* | + **on/over** *He knocked over her cup and splashed coffee all over her new dress.* | **splash sb/sth with sth** *A motorcycle sped past, splashing all the spectators with mud.*

**drench** /drentʃ/ [v T] to make someone or something extremely wet with a large amount of water: *He turned the hose on us and drenched us all.* | *Blood was pouring from the cut, drenching his shirt.*

**flood** /flʌd/ [v T] to cover an area of land with a large amount of water: *Farmers flood the fields in order to grow rice.* | *In the rainy season the river can rise rapidly to flood the valley in a few hours.* — **flooded** [adj] *We waded up the flooded garden path to the house.*

**swamp** /swɒmp||swɑːmp, swɔːmp/ [v T] to suddenly cover something completely with a large amount of water, especially in a way that causes damage: *Water the young plants well, but don't swamp them.* | *The dam burst, swamping the valley and hundreds of homes.* | *About 3000 years ago a tidal wave swamped the coastal lowlands of Greece, causing massive destruction.*

**saturate** /'sætʃəreɪt/ [v T] to completely cover or fill something with liquid, so that it is wet all the way through: *Heavy rains had saturated the ground, turning the streets into rivers.* | *Saturate the label with vinegar and let it sit before you try to scrape it off the bottle.*



## 5 to make something slightly wet

▶ dampen

▶ moisten

**dampen** /'dæmpən/ [v T] to make something slightly wet by putting a little water on it: *Dampen the soil a little before you put the seeds in. | She dampened a cloth and held it to his forehead. | If you dampen your piece of paper before you start painting it will be easier to paint evenly.*

**moisten** /'mɔɪsən/ [v T] to make something slightly wet by putting a small amount of water or another liquid on it, especially to stop it from getting too dry: *Add just enough water to moisten the cake mixture without making it too watery. | Tom paused and moistened his lips. | When the clay becomes dry, moisten it lightly before you continue to shape it.*

# when

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **time**, **during**

## 1 at or immediately after the time when something happens

▶ when

**when** /wen/ [conjunction] *When I give the signal, turn on the engine. | When I told her what had happened she was really shocked. | We'd only just finished cleaning the house when our guests arrived. | You can change when you get back. | I quit school when I was 15. | When completed, the road will link four major cities.*

## 2 when one thing always happens when another thing happens

▶ when

▶ every time

▶ whenever

**when** /wen/ [conjunction] *Her nose crinkles up when she laughs. | When the demand for a product is high, its price tends to rise. | I can't understand you when you mumble. | You know what she's like when she's on the phone.*

**whenever** /wen'evər/ [conjunction] use this when you want to emphasize that something always happens when another thing happens: *Whenever we come here, we see somebody we know. | You should come and talk to me whenever you have a problem. | whenever you can I try to rest whenever I can. | He still visited her whenever he could. | whenever possible She still visits her old schoolfriends whenever possible.*

**every time** /'evri 'taɪm/ [conjunction] use this when you want to emphasize that something always happens when another thing happens: *Every time she sees me she says looks away. | Every time it rains we get a flood in the bedroom. | Don't ask me for money every time you want to buy a drink.*

## 3 when one thing happens during the time that something else is happening

▶ when

▶ while

**when** /wen/ [conjunction] *I hurt my shoulder when I*

*was playing football. | All this happened when we were living abroad. | When she was at college she wrote for a student newspaper. | Why were you downstairs when everyone else was in bed?*

**while** ALSO **whilst** British formal /waɪl, waɪlst/ [conjunction] during the time that something is happening – use this to emphasize that something is continuing: *My car was stolen while I was on holiday. | While she was out of the room, he took a quick look at the papers on her desk. | While Sandy was filling out the forms, I called Jimmy from the airport. | Patients often comment upon lack of sleep whilst in hospital. | They keep the animals under sedation whilst they're being transported. | while/whilst doing sth They were killed while attempting to reach the summit.*

## 4 ways of asking or mentioning when something happened or will happen

▶ when

▶ at what point

▶ what time

**when** /wen/ [adv/conjunction] *When are you leaving for Norway? | When did you last have something to eat? | Do you know when the concert will be held? | I can't remember when I bought this.*

**what time** /,wɒt 'taɪm/ [adv/conjunction] exactly when: *What time is dinner? | What time did you get in last night? | What time do you usually get home from work? | I don't know what time she's coming home.*

**at what point** /ət ,wɒt 'pɔɪnt/ [adv/conjunction] at what particular time during a process, situation, or activity: *At what point did you try to stop the fight? | At what point did you realize that your book would never be published? | I'm not sure at what point he began to suspect the truth.*

# wide

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: ————— **narrow**

▶ when people or things are spread over a wide area see **spread (4-5)**

▶ see also **fat**, **thick**, **long**, **thin**

## 1 a long distance from one side to another

▶ wide

▶ broad

**wide** /waɪd/ [adj] if a road, river, space, object etc is **wide**, there is a large distance between one side of it and the other: *The girl led me down a wide corridor into a large office. | The doorway wasn't quite wide enough to get the piano through. | a wide leather belt*

**broad** /brɔːd/ [adj] written **wide** – use this especially to describe roads, paths, or parts of someone's body: *We drove down the broad tree-lined avenue. | He was six feet tall with broad shoulders and strong arms.*

## 2 how wide something is

▶ how wide

▶ 2 miles across/20 metres across etc

▶ 2 miles wide/20 metres wide etc

▶ width

**how wide** /haʊ 'waɪd/ [adj phrase] use this to ask or talk about **how wide** something is: *How wide is the main hall? | I'm not sure how wide the window is.*



**2 miles wide/20 metres wide etc** /tu: maɪlz 'waɪd/ [adj phrase] use this to say exactly how wide something is: *The river is over a mile wide here.* | *Cut a strip of paper 3cm wide.*

**2 miles across/20 metres across etc** /tu: maɪlz ə'krɒs|-ə'krɒs/ [adj phrase] use this to say exactly how wide something is: *a narrow opening only a few metres across*

**width** /wɪðθ/ [n C/U] how wide something is: *Carpets are available in several different widths.* | + of *The huge vehicle took up the whole width of the road.* | *Can you just measure the width of the door?*

### 3 to become wider

▶ become/get wider ▶ widen

**become/get wider** /bɪ,kʌm, ,get 'waɪdər/ [v phrase] *The river starts to get wider at Lyon.* | *The gap between the boat and the pier was getting wider and wider.* | *The path gradually became wider as we came down off the mountain.*

**widen** /'waɪdn/ [v I] to become wider – use this especially in written descriptions of places: *The road widened again when we came out of the tunnel.* | *From Horton, the valley widens, becoming broader and more expansive.*

### 4 to make something wider

▶ make sth wider ▶ widen

**make sth wider** /,meɪk (sth) 'waɪdər/ [v phrase] *I think we'll have to make the door a bit wider so that wheelchairs can get through.* | *Why don't you make the table wider?*

**widen** /'waɪdn/ [v T] to make something such as a road wider, especially in a deliberately planned way: *A lot of local residents are against council plans to widen the road.* | *Later the tunnel was widened to accommodate larger vehicles.*

## willing

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ force sb to do sth  
▶ see also **want/not want, can/can't**

### 1 to be willing to do something

▶ be willing to do sth ▶ agree to do sth  
▶ be ready to do sth ▶ be prepared to do sth  
▶ not mind doing sth  
▶ be glad/happy/pleased to do sth ▶ willing  
▶ be game

**be willing to do sth** /bi: ,wɪlɪŋ tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] if you are willing to do something that is necessary or that you have been asked to do, you will do it fairly happily: *He's willing to tell the police everything he knows.* | *To do well as a journalist, you have to be willing to change jobs very frequently.* | *Investors are willing to pay more for stocks when interest rates are low.*

**be ready to do sth** /bi: ,redi tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] to be willing to do something at any time, whenever it needs to be done: *I'm always ready to help if you need me.* | *We are ready to consider any serious proposals.* | *If you really want to sell, price your house sensibly and be ready to make a deal.*

**not mind doing sth** /nɒt ,maɪnd 'du:ɪŋ (sth)/ [v phrase not in progressive] spoken to be willing to do something that someone wants you to do, even though you might prefer not to: *I don't mind driving if you're tired.* | *If you don't mind waiting a few minutes, we can check our records for you.*

**be glad/happy/pleased to do sth** /bi: ,glæd, ,hæpi, ,pli:zd tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] to be very willing to do something that will help someone else: *Our sales staff are always pleased to help.* | *'Could you do me a favor?' 'Sure, I'd be glad to.'* | *John says he'd be happy to give you a hand with the gardening.* | **be only too glad/happy/pleased to do sth** (=be very willing) *I'd be only too pleased to look after the kids for you.*

**agree to do sth** /ə ,gri: tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] to say that you are willing to do something that someone has asked you to do, especially when this will take some effort or be inconvenient: *I've agreed to help Sarah move house this weekend.* | *One of the jurors agreed to talk about the experience, but did not want to be named.* | **kindly agree to do sth** formal *Officer Browning has kindly agreed to come into school and give us a talk on crime prevention.*

**be prepared to do sth** /bi: ,prɪ ,peəd tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase] to be willing to do something, especially something difficult or unpleasant: *He was prepared to use force if necessary.* | *You'll never learn to speak another language unless you're prepared to make an effort.* | *Griffiths was prepared to spend up to \$500,000 to renovate the old theater.*

**willing** /'wɪlɪŋ/ [adj] eager, hard-working, and willing to do anything you are asked to do: *He's not a very bright boy, but he's young, strong, and willing.* | *She's an enthusiastic, willing learner.*

**be game** /bi: 'geɪm/ [v phrase] informal to be willing to try something dangerous, new, difficult, or risky: *'Want to go climbing with us?' 'Yeah, I'm game.'* | + to do sth American *She's one of those people who's game to try anything.* | + for British *Tim's always game for a laugh.* (=willing to do things that might be fun)

### 2 when you do something willingly

▶ willingly ▶ voluntary  
▶ voluntarily ▶ readily  
▶ willing ▶ freely  
▶ of your own free will ▶ gladly

**willingly** /'wɪlɪŋli/ [adv] *I'd willingly pay higher taxes if the money was spent on health and education.* | *Hundreds of teenagers volunteer willingly to help in service organizations.* | *She willingly cut her beautiful long hair in order to play Joan of Arc in Shaw's play.*

**voluntarily** /'vɒləntərɪli, ,vɒləntərɪli, ,vɒləntərɪli/ [adv] if you do something voluntarily, especially something difficult, unpleasant, or inconvenient, you do it willingly and not because you are forced to: *She wasn't fired or asked to resign; she left voluntarily.* | *The company has voluntarily recalled the product to check for defects.*

**willing** /'wɪlɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] **willing accomplice/partner/participant etc** someone who takes part in an activity with someone else without being forced to, especially a dishonest or criminal activity: *The police believe Davison was a willing participant in the murder.* | *Get a bike, find a willing friend, and explore the bike trails.*

**of your own free will** /əv jɔ: ,əʊn fri: 'wɪl/ [adv]



if you do something of **your own free will**, you do it because you choose to and want to, and not because you are forced to: *Nobody forced her to go – she left of her own free will.* | *How many of our teenage children actually help around the house of their own free will?*

**voluntary** /'vɒləntəri/'vɑ:ləntəri/ [adj] actions that are **voluntary** are done willingly, not because you are forced to do them or have a legal duty to do them: *Most charities rely on voluntary contributions from the public.* | *Playing sport on Saturday at school was entirely voluntary.* | *The district is calling for a voluntary ban on using wood-burning stoves, in order to improve air quality.*

**readily** /'redɪli/ [adv] written if you do something **readily**, you do it very willingly and without needing to think about whether you should do it or not: *He readily agreed to all our suggestions.* | *Beth was very tired and readily accepted a seat when it was offered.* | *Parsons readily took responsibility for the show's failure.*

**freely** /'fri:li/ [adv] if you **freely** do or say something, you do or say it willingly, even though it is something that other people might be embarrassed to do or say: *Mrs. Atwood's note said that she freely chose to end her life.* | **freely admit/acknowledge** *I freely admit I made many mistakes.* | *Ms. Tate freely acknowledges that she hasn't paid the fines, but argues she should not have to.*

**gladly** /'glædli/ [adv] if you do something **gladly**, you are very willing and pleased to do it: *If only I had more money in the bank, I would gladly retire.* | *When businesses heard about the reason for the fundraiser, they gladly gave us donations.*

### 3 to not be willing to do something

- ▶ **unwilling/not willing**
- ▶ **drag your feet**
- ▶ **reluctant**
- ▶ **be loath to do sth**

**unwilling/not willing** /ʌn'wɪlɪŋ, ,nɒt 'wɪlɪŋ/ [adj] not willing to do something, even though you should do it or someone else wants you to do it: *According to his lawyer, Stuart was an unwilling participant in the shooting.* | **+ to do sth** *She's unwilling to admit that she was wrong.* | *Most people are unwilling to give up their cars and use public transportation.* | *Put away any toys the child is not willing to share, to avoid any problems.* — **unwillingness** [n U] **+ to do sth** *No agreement was reached because of the unwillingness of either side to compromise.*

**reluctant** /rɪ'lʌktənt/ [adj] someone who is **reluctant** is not willing to do something, although they may be persuaded after refusing for a while: *Stores have cut prices to attract reluctant shoppers.* | *Becoming a donor is a simple process, but many people remain reluctant.* | **+ to do sth** *He seemed somewhat reluctant to explain, but finally did so.* | *Some of the older staff were reluctant to use the new equipment.* — **reluctance** [n U] **+ to do sth** *The U.S. has been criticized for its reluctance to deal with the problem of global warming.*

**drag your feet** /dræg jɔ: 'fi:t/ [v phrase] to take too much time to do something because you are unwilling to do it: *The White House has accused Congress of dragging its feet.* | **+ over/on** *They urged Parliament not to drag its feet on the bill.* | **drag your feet in doing sth** *Demonstrators say the administration is dragging its feet in establishing a housing program.*

**be loath to do sth** /bi: ,ləʊθ tə 'du: (sth)/ [v phrase]

to be very unwilling to do something, especially something which affects you personally and which you may find upsetting or unpleasant to do: *His mother was still asleep and he was loath to wake her.* | *Congressmen are loath to limit the amount of time they can be in office.*

### 4 doing something unwillingly

- ▶ **unwillingly**
- ▶ **reluctantly**
- ▶ **against your will**
- ▶ **grudgingly**

**unwillingly** /ʌn'wɪlɪŋli/ [adv] if you do something **unwillingly**, you do it slowly or without any eagerness, in a way that shows you are unwilling: *Johnson unwillingly admitted he'd been drinking that evening.* | *He pointed at a chair, and Alfred sat down unwillingly.*

**reluctantly** /rɪ'lʌktəntli/ [adv] if you do something **reluctantly**, you do it even though you are not very willing to do it: *Reluctantly, he gave the officer his name and address.* | *He reluctantly consented to his daughter's marriage.* | *Mrs. Bernson reluctantly agreed to help prepare for the conference.*

**against your will** /ə,ɡenst jɔ: 'wɪl/ [adv] if you do something **against your will**, you do not want to do it but you are forced to: *The refugees were sent back against their will.* | *No one should be forced to marry against their will.*

**grudgingly** /'ɡrʌdʒɪŋli/ [adv] if you do something or say something **grudgingly**, especially something that gives help or praise or pleasure to someone else, you do it very unwillingly: *The city council has grudgingly given \$100,000 towards the new after-school care program.* | *Steve grudgingly admitted that Matthew had played a better game.* — **grudging** [adj] *Charles listened to the speech with grudging admiration.*

## win

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: — **lose**

- ▶ to beat someone in a game or competition *see* **beat/defeat**
- ▶ *see also* **sport/game, compete/with, war, fight, competition, against/oppose, gambling, succeed/successful**

### 1 to win a race, competition etc

- ▶ **win**
- ▶ **finish first/be first/come in first**
- ▶ **first place**
- ▶ **get in**

**win** /wɪn/ [v I/T] to **win** a race, competition, election etc, for example by getting more points, votes etc than everyone else or by being the first to finish: *No one really expected the Socialist Party to win.* | **win a race/game/election etc** *Chang won the first set but lost the next two.* | *The competition was won by a Nigerian student.* | **win a prize/medal/cup etc** *His book won the Pulitzer Prize for literature.* | *What would you do if you won \$1 million?* | **win by 6 votes/2 goals etc** (=win by getting 6 votes etc more than the other person or team) *He went ahead of Nolan, winning by 15 seconds.* | **win 4-2/20-12 etc** (=use this to show the final result of a game) *Do you remember our first game of the season? We won 3-1.* | **win at cards/chess/tennis etc** *She always wins at Scrabble.*



**finish first/be first/come in first** ALSO **come first** British /ˌfɪnɪʃ 'fɜːrst, biː 'fɜːrst, ˌkʌm ɪn 'fɜːrst, ˌkʌm 'fɜːrst/ [v phrase not in progressive] to win a race or competition in which more than two people or teams are competing: *Who do you think will finish first?* | *The British team was first, followed closely by the Americans.* | *André Etienne came in first, having completed the course in record time.* | **+ in** *An Australian runner came first in the marathon.* | *Sue finished first in two races – the 50m backstroke and the 100m front crawl.*

**first place** /ˌfɜːrst 'pleɪs/ [n singular] the position of the person or team that wins a race or competition **in first place** *Johnson finished in first place, narrowly ahead of Green.* | **win first place in** *My greatest achievement was winning first place in the Young Artist competition.*

**get in** /ˌget 'ɪn/ [phr v l not in progressive] British if a political party **gets in**, they win an election, and have the right to form a government: *Do you think Labour will get in again at the next election?*

## 2 to win an argument, fight, war, etc

- ▶ **win**
- ▶ **come out on top**
- ▶ **prevail**
- ▶ **carry the day**
- ▶ **win the day**

**win** /wɪn/ [v l/T] to argue, fight etc more successfully than someone else: *The court case has been dragging on for months, and it's increasingly unlikely that she'll win.* | *I could never win an argument with my father.* | *Who won the first Civil War?* | **win a victory** *This was the first of many victories won by women's rights campaigners.*

**come out on top** /ˌkʌm aʊt ɒn 'tɒp/ [v phrase not in progressive] informal to win something, especially something that other people are judging or deciding: *In a survey of customer preference, one model came consistently out on top.* | *In all action movies, the hero always comes out on top.*

**prevail** /prɪ'veɪl/ [v l] formal if an idea or way of doing something **prevails**, it is finally accepted as being better or more important than something else, especially after a lot of arguing: *Fortunately, in this case, common sense has prevailed.* | **+ over** *She seems to think that animal rights should prevail over everything else.*

**carry the day** /ˌkæri ðə 'deɪ/ [v phrase not in progressive] British to win by persuading people to accept a plan, proposal, or idea, especially after a lot of talking and arguing: *Anti-gun campaigners feel they have enough support to carry the day in tomorrow's vote.* | *His appeal to reason and common sense was what finally carried the day.*

**win the day** /ˌwɪn ðə 'deɪ/ [v phrase not in progressive] British to finally win an argument or political struggle, especially when this has been difficult – used especially in news reports: *On this occasion the strikers won the day and were given a pay increase of 20%.*

## 3 to be winning a game, race etc that has not yet finished

- ▶ **be winning**
- ▶ **lead/be in the lead**
- ▶ **be ahead**

**be winning** /biː 'wɪnɪŋ/ [v phrase] to have more points or votes than your opponents in a game or election, or to be at the front in a race when the game, race etc has not yet finished: *Senna was winning when the race was brought to a halt because of a*

*crash.* | **be winning sth** *It looked as though Bush was winning the election battle.*

**lead/be in the lead** /liːd, biː ɪn ðə 'liːd/ [v l/T/ v phrase] to be winning a game, race, election etc: *The High School team were leading with 60 points.* | *The Dolphins are still in the lead with only 2 minutes left to play.* | **lead by 10 points/three meters etc** *Agassi was leading by two sets when rain stopped play.*

**be ahead** /biː ə'hed/ [v phrase] to be doing better than someone else in a game, competition, race, or election: *She was still ahead in the polls just a week before the election.* | **+ of** *Waylan was ahead of Miller by three shots.* | **put sb ahead** *Shortly afterwards Smith put the Dodgers ahead with a stunning home run.* | **be 12 points/5 games etc ahead** *Damon Hill is now 14 points ahead of his nearest rival.* | **by way ahead** *By the final lap, Molly was way ahead of all the other girls.* | **be ahead by 12 points/5 games etc** *Houston was ahead by 3 points at half-time.*

## 4 to win easily

- ▶ **win easily**
- ▶ **win hands down**
- ▶ **be no contest**
- ▶ **run away with**
- ▶ **be a shoo-in**
- ▶ **sweep to victory**
- ▶ **romp home**

**win easily** /ˌwɪn 'iːzɪli/ [v phrase] *Everyone expected the Democrats to win easily.* | **win sth easily** *She won the race easily with seconds to spare.*

**win hands down** /ˌwɪn ˌhændz 'daʊn/ [v phrase] to win very easily without having any problems: *The Socialists will win hands down if the election is free and fair.* | *The newer model wins hands down when it comes to speed and capacity.*

**be no contest** /biː nəʊ 'kɒntest/ [v phrase] if a game, competition etc **is no contest**, one person or team wins so easily that it is impossible for their opponent to win: *In the end it was no contest. New Labour won more votes than even they thought possible.*

**run away with** /ˌrʌn ə'weɪ wɪð/ [phr v T] to win a game or competition very easily, especially because you are much better than your opponents: *United have established a clear lead, and are threatening to run away with the championship.*

**be a shoo-in** /biː ə 'ʃuː ɪn/ [v phrase] American to be very likely to easily win an election, competition etc, by having many more points, votes etc than you opponents: *He looked like a shoo-in to win South Carolina's Republican presidential primary.*

**sweep to victory** /ˌswiːp tə 'vɪktəri/ [v phrase] to win very easily, in a way that impresses people – used especially in news reports: *Olson scored twice as the Rams swept to victory.* | *Nixon swept to victory by 47 million votes to 29 million.*

**romp home** /ˌrɒmp 'həʊm, ˌrɑːmp-/ [v phrase] British informal to win a race or game easily: *No goals were scored in the first half but Spurs romped home in the second, scoring four.*

## 5 to win when you almost lost

- ▶ **win by a narrow margin**
- ▶ **scrape home**
- ▶ **be close**

**win by a narrow margin** /ˌwɪn baɪ ə ˌnærəʊ 'mɑːrɪdʒɪn/ [v phrase] if someone wins something or is elected **by a narrow margin**, they win by getting only a few more points, votes etc than their opponent: *We won the debate by a narrow margin.* | *Win-*



ning by a narrow margin, the Lakers now go on to play in the championships.

**scrape home** /ˌskreɪp ˈhəʊm/ [v phrase] British to win by a very small number of votes or points, or by a very small distance in a race: *The Green Party scraped home in the local elections.* | *The referees decided that Foreman had just scraped home.*

**be close** ALSO **be a close-run thing** British /biː ˈkləʊs, biː ə ˈkləʊs rʌn ˈθɪŋ/ [v phrase] if a race, competition, election etc is close or is a close-run thing, any person or party could win because they all have nearly the same number of points, votes etc, or are close to each other in the race: *The election was very close – a handful of votes decided it.* | *The champions have kept their title, but it was a close-run thing.*

## 6 when someone wins

- ▶ victory
- ▶ win
- ▶ triumph
- ▶ success
- ▶ conquest
- ▶ walkover
- ▶ landslide

**victory** /ˈvɪktəri/ [n C/U] when a country, player, team etc wins a battle, game, race etc: *The crowds were celebrating Italy's victory.* | *We're very confident of victory.* | *victory celebrations* | + **over/against** *Their 2-1 victory over the Australians was completely unexpected.* | **win a victory** *He had won a comfortable victory in the general election.*

**win** /wɪn/ [n C] when a team or player wins in a sport or competition – used especially in news reports: *It was an important win for Manchester United.* | *A couple from London are celebrating a big lottery win.* | + **over/against** *a 2-0 win over their oldest rivals*

**triumph** /ˈtraɪəmf/ [n C/U] written an important victory after a long, difficult struggle, especially in war or politics: *Despite many local triumphs, their party stands little chance of winning a national election.* | *Arsenal's recent League Cup triumph.*

**success** /səkˈses/ [n C/U] a victory, especially in a series of games, fights etc: *With such a strong team, France are heading for certain success.* | *their fourth success in a row*

**conquest** /ˈkɒŋkwɛst/ [n C/U] a victory in which one country wins a war against another country and takes control of it: *The palace was built in Cordoba, Spain, following the Arab conquest.* | *The Roman legions left, opening the way for the conquest of the British Isles by the Germanic tribes.*

**walkover** /ˈwɔːkəʊvər/ [n singular] informal a situation in which someone wins very easily, especially in a sport, because they are much better than the people they are playing against: *If they were expecting this game to be a walkover, they were very wrong.*

**landslide** /ˈlændslaɪd/ [n singular] when one party or candidate gets far more votes than their opponents in an election: *The newspapers were predicting a landslide for Thatcher.* | **by a landslide** *He was re-elected in 1984 by a landslide.* | **landslide victory** *Few people had expected Labour's landslide victory in 1945.*

## 7 the person or team that wins

- ▶ winner
- ▶ champion
- ▶ winning
- ▶ victor
- ▶ victorious

**winner** /ˈwɪnər/ [n C] *The winner will receive a prize of \$500.* | *The crowd roared as the winner crossed the*

*finishing line.* | + **of** *On Thursday the judges will be announcing the winner of this year's Booker Prize.*

**champion** /ˈtʃæmpiən/ [n C] a person who has won a competition, especially in sport: *Mohammed Ali, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, will appear on the 'Tonight' show next week.* | **defending champion** (=the person who won last time and is trying to win again) *As defending champion, he is expected to reach the final.* | **reigning champion** (=the present champion who won the competition last time) *Bjorn Borg was the reigning Wimbledon champion for five years.*

**winning** /ˈwɪnɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] **winning team/player/horse etc** (=the team, player etc that wins) *The winning team will go through to the grand final in London.* | *A group of reporters followed the winning jockey and horse into the winner's enclosure.*

**victor** /ˈvɪktər/ [n C] written the winner in a war, election, or important sporting event: *After the war, the victors returned in triumph.* | *The victors are waving to the crowd as they do their lap of honour.*

**victorious** /vɪkˈtɔːriəs/ [adj] having won an important fight, competition, election, etc: *He shook hands with his victorious opponent.* | *Three young men from the victorious team came forward to collect their trophy.*

## 8 to be the person or team that is expected to win

- ▶ be (the) favourite
- ▶ be in the running
- ▶ frontrunner

**be (the) favourite** British /**be the favorite** American /biː (ðə) ˈfeɪvərɪt/ [v phrase] to be the person or team that everyone expects to win + **for** *The Danish runner was the favorite for the 100m sprint.* | **be (the) favourite to win** *Thatcher was favourite to win the 1983 election.* | **be (the) clear favourite** *The Luxembourg entry is clear favourite to win the Eurovision Song Contest.*

**frontrunner** /ˈfrʌntˈrʌnər/ [n C] the person or team that is most likely to win a race, election, or competition: *He will certainly be a frontrunner in the Democratic primaries.* | *The Greens have never really been among the frontrunners in British politics.*

**be in the running** /biː ɪn ðə ˈrʌnɪŋ/ [v phrase] to be one of the people who has a good chance of winning: *Spain still has several athletes in the running.* | + **for** *Anthony Hopkins was in the running for an Oscar.*

## 9 something that you get when you win

- ▶ prize
- ▶ cup
- ▶ medal
- ▶ trophy
- ▶ jackpot
- ▶ winnings

**prize** /praɪz/ [n C] something that is given to the person who wins a competition, game, or race: *The prize is a 3-week holiday in the Bahamas.* | **first/second/third etc prize** *Second prize is a book token.* | **win/get a prize** *She won the Booker Prize for her novel 'The Blind Assassin'.* | **prize winner** *A list of prize winners will appear in next week's issue.*

**cup** /kʌp/ [n C] a special silver or gold container, shaped like a large cup with two handles, that is given to the winner of a sports competition: *The*



Queen presented the cup to the captain of the winning team.

**medal** /'medl/ [n C] a round flat piece of metal that is given to someone who has won a race, game, or competition: *The winning team went up to collect their medals* | **gold/silver/bronze medal** (=a medal for coming first/second/third) *The gold medal was won by Anna Svensen.*

**trophy** /'trəʊfi/ [n C] an object or special cup that is given to the winner of a race, game, or competition, especially in sports: *The winner went to receive her trophy.* | *They became the first British team to win a major European trophy.*

**jackpot** /'dʒækpɒt||-pɑ:t/ [n singular] the largest amount of money that can be won in a game of chance: *The jackpot is worth \$1 million this week.* | **hit the jackpot** (=win it) *Unemployed roadsweeper Mickey Reid hit the jackpot when his £4 Lotto ticket won him £1.8m.*

**winnings** /'wɪnɪŋz/ [n plural] money that you win by playing games for money: *She collected her winnings and put them into her bag.* | *Scooping up his winnings, he went off to invest them at the blackjack table.*

## with/together

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **alone**

- ▶ to join together with other people, countries etc in order to achieve something *see* **unite**
- ▶ to join two or more things together *see* **join**
- ▶ at the same time *see* **time (19-21)**

### 1 in the same place with another person

- ▶ **with**
- ▶ **together**
- ▶ **join**
- ▶ **be accompanied by**
- ▶ **company**
- ▶ **in sb's company**
- ▶ **in sb's presence**
- ▶ **live side by side**

**with** /wɪð, wɪθ/ [prep] *Don't leave me alone with her.* | *'Where's Jill?' 'I don't know, I thought she was with you.'* | *I try to make sure I have a couple of hours to spend with David every evening.* | *We live with my parents-in-law.* | *At the moment, she's in a meeting with the President.* | **arrive/leave/go out etc with sb** *Lindsay arrived with her husband but left by herself.* | *I saw Rick go out of the building with Susan.*

**together** /tə'gedə/ [adv] *Nicola and I were at school together.* | *Each year the whole family spends Christmas together.* | *For years, these people who are now at war lived together very peacefully.* | *We'd better stay together, or we might get lost.*

**join** /dʒɔɪn/ [v T] to go to the place where someone else is, in order to be with them or do something with them: *We're sitting over there. Why don't you join us?* | *Her parents are going to Paris next week and she will join them later.*

**be accompanied by** /bi: ə'kæmpənid baɪ/ [v phrase] to be with someone, especially when this person's presence gives you support or protection: *Children under fourteen must be accompanied by an adult.* | *Wherever she goes she has to be accompanied by a bodyguard.* | *The Prince, accompanied by the Princess, spoke to many of the disaster victims in the hospital.*

**company** /'kæmpəni/ [n U] the presence of another

person or other people, that gives you someone to talk to and stops you feeling lonely: *I was grateful for Jean's company on the long journey up to Edinburgh.* | **have (some) company** *'Do you mind if I join you?' 'No of course not, it's nice to have some company.'* | **do sth for the company** *I go to French evening classes, for the company as much as for the French.* | **miss sb's company** *Now that she's gone, I really miss her company.*

**in sb's company** /ɪn (sb's) 'kæmpəni/ [adv] when you are with a particular person: *I always feel very relaxed in Nick's company.* | **in the company of sb** *Many people are uneasy in the company of strangers.*

**in sb's presence** /ɪn (sb's) 'prezəns/ [adv] if you are **in someone's presence**, especially someone important or famous, you are with them or in the same place as them: *What was it like to be actually in the Queen's presence?* | **in the presence of sb** *I could think of very little to say in the presence of so many important people.*

**live side by side** /lɪv ,saɪd baɪ 'saɪd/ [v phrase] if people **live side by side**, they live together peacefully even though there are big differences between them: *It was a great experience – people from so many very different backgrounds living side by side.* | *The Muslim residents say they are ready and willing to live side by side with their neighbors again.*

### 2 doing something with another person/group etc

- ▶ **with**
- ▶ **together**
- ▶ **side by side**
- ▶ **collectively**
- ▶ **jointly**
- ▶ **in conjunction with**
- ▶ **in partnership with**
- ▶ **in collaboration with**
- ▶ **shoulder to shoulder with sb**

**with** /wɪð, wɪθ/ [prep] *My family and I went camping in the mountains with some old friends of ours.* | *I'd like you to work with the person sitting beside you and see if we can come up with some new ideas.*

**together** /tə'gedə/ [adv] *There's no point in taking two cars – let's go together.* | *The police and army worked together to track down the terrorists.*

**side by side** /,saɪd baɪ 'saɪd/ [adv] if two groups work or fight **side by side**, they work closely together to achieve something, even though there may be big differences between them: *It was a strange situation with Washington, Pretoria and Peking fighting side by side.* | **+ with** *Soldiers worked side by side with civilians to rebuild the city.*

**collectively** /kə'lektɪvli/ [adv] if people do something **collectively**, they do it by working together as equal members of an organized group: *The team collectively must decide what resources they need and how they are to be used.* | *Individually, people have little power, but collectively they can be more influential.*

**jointly** /'dʒɔɪntli/ [adv] **jointly managed/owned/published/funded etc by sb** managed, owned etc by two or more people or organizations working together equally: *The business is jointly owned and run by six TV companies.* | *It was a major research project, jointly funded by the university and the Health Department.*

**in conjunction with** /ɪn kən'dʒʌŋkʃən wɪð/ [prep] if something is done by one organization or group of people **in conjunction with** another organization or group, it is done by both of them working together: *The exhibition is sponsored by the Arts Council in conjunction with British Airways.* | *Sten-*



*mann is working in conjunction with leading scientists and has invested \$5 million in the scheme.*

**in partnership with** /ɪn 'pɑːrtənərʃɪp wɪð/ [prep] if people, organizations, or countries work **in partnership with** each other, they work together to do something important or useful: *The city council is working in partnership with local businesses to build new sports facilities in the area.*

**in collaboration with** /ɪn kə'læbə'reɪʃən wɪð/ [prep] if you work on a plan or do something **in collaboration with** another person or organization, you work very closely with them in order to achieve it: *I wrote the article in collaboration with a number of my colleagues.* | *This course has been developed in collaboration with major professional bodies involved in the financial services sector.*

**shoulder to shoulder with sb** /ˌʃəʊldər tə 'ʃəʊldər wɪð (sb)/ [prep] if one group of people stands or fights **shoulder to shoulder with** another group of people, they support them or fight together with them against an enemy: *British soldiers fought shoulder to shoulder with American and French troops.* | *Mitterrand, although a socialist, stood shoulder to shoulder with the NATO allies during the challenges of the early 1980s.*

### 3 when people do something together in a dishonest way

- ▶ be in league with
- ▶ in collusion with
- ▶ be in cahoots (with)
- ▶ hand in glove with sb

**be in league with** /biː ɪn 'liːg wɪð/ [prep] if someone is **in league with** a group of people, they are secretly planning and working with them in order to do something dishonest or illegal: *Anyone suspected of being in league with the rebels was arrested.* | *There was a suggestion that the authorities were in league with the drug dealers.*

**in collusion with** /ɪn kə'luːʒən wɪð/ [prep] if one group of people is **in collusion with** another group, they are all working secretly together to do something dishonest: *Some of the police force were working in collusion with the Mafia.* | *Journalists suspected that the army was acting in collusion with the terrorists.*

**be in cahoots (with)** /biː ɪn kə'hʊːts (wɪð)/ [prep] working secretly and closely with another person or group in order to do something dishonest or cheat someone: *Assassins, in cahoots with the army, were sent to kill two top members of the parliament.* | *By the middle of the book we've learned that the church and the local politicians are in cahoots to try to slow Sonja's research.*

**hand in glove with sb** /hænd ɪn 'glʌv wɪð (sb)/ [prep] British if one organization is **hand in glove with** another organization, they work together very closely in order to do something dishonest, or dishonestly get power: *The politicians are hand in glove with the military, everyone knows that.*

### 4 to work together

- ▶ work together
- ▶ collaborate
- ▶ cooperate

**work together** /wɜːrk tə'geðər/ [v phrase] *We can only succeed if we all work together as a team.* | **+ to do sth** *Both sides are going to have to work together to find other ways of settling their differences.*

**cooperate** ALSO **co-operate** British /kəʊ-

'pɒərəɪt]-'ɑːp-/ [v I] if two people or groups **cooperate** with each other, they work together and help each other in order to achieve something that will be good for both of them **+ with** *The president said that Mexico would continue to cooperate with the US in the fight against drugs.* | **+ to do sth** *Aid agencies and UN forces are cooperating to get food supplies to the people who need them.* | **cooperate closely** (=help each other as much as possible) *Finance ministers and central bankers agreed to cooperate closely to sustain the strength of the pound.* | **+ in/on** *Traditionally management has called upon workers to cooperate in increasing productivity.* — **cooperation/co-operation** /kəʊ,pə'reɪʃən]-,ɑːp-/ [n U] *In the future there will be greater military cooperation among all the nations of Europe.*

**collaborate** /kə'læbəreɪt/ [v I] to work together, especially on a specific piece of scientific, artistic, or industrial work **+ to do sth** *Researchers in Stanford and Princeton collaborated to manufacture a completely new waterproof textile.* | **+ with** *Hewlett Packard collaborated with Nokia to produce the palmtop-telephone.* | **+ on/in** *Fellini collaborated with Rossellini on the script of the film.* | *Educators and employers need to collaborate in preparing the next generation for employment and adulthood.* — **collaboration** /kə'læbə'reɪʃən/ [n U] *We couldn't have done it without their collaboration* (=if they had not collaborated with us).

### 5 someone who does something with someone else

- ▶ partner
- ▶ fellow
- ▶ companion
- ▶ sidekick
- ▶ accomplice

**partner** /'pɑːrtənər/ [n C] someone who takes part in a sport or game, or a business or social activity with you: *Have you got a partner for the dance on Saturday?* | *The firm was so successful that she took on a partner.* | *We called a meeting with Russco, our partners in the construction project.* | **a business/trading partner** *Manson and I were business partners, but not friends.* | **a marriage/sexual partner** *People who have many sexual partners are more at risk from AIDS.* | **be partners** *Let's have a game of cards – you and Frank can be partners.*

**fellow** /'feləʊ/ [adj only before noun] **fellow passenger/worker/student etc** someone who is travelling, working, studying etc with you: *The accident happened when Roland was walking home with fellow student Karl Xavier.* | *Toni's views on the Kyoto Treaty were echoed by her fellow workers.*

**companion** /kəm'pænjən/ [n C] someone that you spend a lot of time with, especially someone that provides friendship or conversation while you are doing something, for example travelling: *Mum and Dad didn't seem to approve much of my new companions.* | *He left the major part of his £60 million fortune to his close friend and companion, Jerry Edwards.* | **a drinking/travelling etc companion** *Ed is a great travelling companion – funny and sensible at the same time.*

**sidekick** /'saɪd,kɪk/ [n C] informal someone who spends a lot of time with another person, and is usually less important or powerful than them: *Tom and his sidekick Larry sauntered into the bar, plainly looking for a fight.* | *Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick Dr Watson*

**accomplice** /ə'kʌmplɪs]-ə'kɑːm-, ə'kʌm-/ [n C] someone who helps another person to commit a crime: *After the robbery, the men escaped in a stolen*



car driven by an accomplice. | + **in** Two other boys were accused of being accomplices in the attack.

## 6 done by people working together

- ▶ **joint**
- ▶ **combined**
- ▶ **collective**
- ▶ **collaborative**

**joint** /dʒɔɪnt/ [adj only before noun] a **joint** decision, statement, effort, report etc is made by people or groups working together, not by just one of them: *We both wanted to move to Canada – it was a joint decision.* | *a joint declaration by Israeli and Palestinian leaders* | **a joint effort** *'Did you cook the dinner, Jane?' 'No, it was a joint effort.'*

**combined** /kəm'baɪnd/ [adj only before noun] **combined** actions are done by people or groups who try to do something together which they could not do alone: *The combined efforts of four police officers and two paramedics were needed to lift the driver from the wreckage.* | *It was a combined operation involving troops from the US and Europe.*

**collective** /kə'lektɪv/ [adj only before noun] a **collective** decision, action, or agreement is made by everyone in a group or organization, not by just one or two of its members: *A jury's verdict is the result of a collective agreement.* | *Kerry called the labor laws 'a legitimate collective effort to protect our children' and said he supported them.* | **collective responsibility (for sth)** (=when everyone in a group shares responsibility for its decisions and actions) *The bureau was without a manager for some time, so the staff took collective responsibility for all the tasks.*

**collaborative** /kə'læbəreɪtɪv||-reɪ-/ [adj only before noun] use this about an activity that involves people working together, especially in order to achieve something that will bring an advantage to both of them **a collaborative effort** *A manager's main task is to coordinate the collaborative efforts of a number of people.* | **collaborative project/research/venture etc** *The new system was the product of a collaborative project between Apple and IBM.* | *a collaborative youth training program involving several businesses*

## 7 people or groups who work together

- ▶ **partnership**
- ▶ **alliance**

**partnership** /'pɑːtnərʃɪp/ [n C] a relationship between people or groups working closely together: *The song-writing partnership has been very productive.* | + **between** *Crime prevention is most effective when it is a partnership between the police and the public.* | **form a partnership** *Elliot and Elver decided to form a partnership and launch their own business.*

**alliance** /ə'laɪəns/ [n C] an arrangement involving two or more different groups or countries to work together to oppose an enemy, to do business, or to work together for something that they both believe in: *NATO is a formal military alliance with America at its head.* | **enter into an alliance/form an alliance** *The two countries entered into a defensive alliance.* | *Apple and online service provider America Online formed an alliance.*

## 8 to be together again after being separated

- ▶ **be back together**
- ▶ **be reunited**

**be back together** /biː ,bæk tə'geðər/ [v phrase] to be together again after being separated, used especially about couples who have started a romantic relationship again: *Did you know that Denise and Jonathon are back together?* | *It's so nice to have all the family back together again.* | + **with** *I'm back together with Johnny now and things are going pretty well.* | **get back together** *Jack wants to get back together, but I've really had enough.*

**be reunited** /biː ,riːjuː'nartɪd/ [v phrase] to be brought together again with someone that you lost or were unable to see for a long time, especially when someone helps you to be with them again: *After 50 years apart, the twin sisters were eventually reunited.* | + **with** *In the early hours of this morning, the hostages were reunited with their families at Point Reach airbase.*

## 9 with another thing or other things

- ▶ **with**
- ▶ **together**
- ▶ **along with**
- ▶ **come with**
- ▶ **accompanying**

**with** /wɪð, wɪθ/ [prep] *I've put our passports in your handbag with the travellers cheques.* | *I hope you haven't thrown that letter out with the garbage!* | *a traditional Christmas dinner of roast turkey with all the trimmings*

**together** /tə'geðər/ [prep] **together** in the same place, or added **together**, not separately: *Mix the butter and the sugar together.* | *That skirt and jacket look really good together.* | *Together these two paintings are worth more than \$10,000.*

**along with** /ə'lɒŋ wɪð||ə'lɔːŋ-/ [prep] in the same place as another thing or other things: *I keep my insurance policy in the top drawer, along with my other important documents.* | *Put it over there along with the other presents.*

**come with** /'kʌm wɪð/ [phr v T not in progressive or passive] if something that you buy **comes with** something else, it is sold with an additional object that is included in the price: *Every new camera comes with a leather case and free film.* | *All the main courses come with salad and chips.* | *We have 5000 log cabins to rent. All come with their own private sauna.*

**accompanying** /ə'kʌmpəni-ɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] an **accompanying** book, document etc, is one that you get together with something that you buy, and which gives you more information about it **accompanying booklet/volume/letter etc** *The video recorder has an accompanying booklet which contains full instructions.* | *Each coursebook has an accompanying workbook for grammar practice.*

## 10 when something is used together with something else

- ▶ **together**
- ▶ **together with**
- ▶ **combined with**
- ▶ **in combination**
- ▶ **in conjunction with**
- ▶ **alongside**
- ▶ **compatible**

**together** /tə'geðər/ [adv] *The shampoo and conditioner should be used together for the best possible result.* | *When you're slowing down, use the gears and the brakes together.*

**together with** ALSO **along with** American /tə'geðər wɪð, ə'lɒŋ wɪð||ə'lɔːŋ-/ [prep] *A sensible diet along with regular exercise is the best way to lose weight.* | *I love Italian food, together with a good bottle of red wine.*



**combined with** /kəm'baɪnd wɪð/ [adj phrase] if a treatment, method, drug etc is **combined with** another, it is used with it because this will have the most effect: *Small children need firmness combined with loving care.* | *The standard treatment is surgery, often combined with radiation.*

**in combination** /ɪn,kəm'bɪn'neɪʃən/-,kɑ:m-/ [adv] if two or more things or methods are used **in combination**, they are used together at the same time, in order to achieve a particular effect: *The drug company recommended using Losec in combination with antibiotics for the treatment of ulcers.* | **+ with** *The flavor of paprika, in combination with sour cream, is used in many Eastern European cuisines.*

**in conjunction with** /ɪn kən'dʒʌŋkʃən wɪð/ [prep] if one thing is used **in conjunction with** another, it is used with it, in order to help you do something more easily: *Learners will benefit from using the book in conjunction with the video.* | *The file viewing functions can be used in conjunction with file manager.*

**alongside** /ə,lɒŋ'saɪd|ə,lɔ:ŋ-/ [prep] different types of things, methods, ideas etc that are used or exist **alongside** each other, are being used together or exist together at the same time: *The new advertisement will be broadcast alongside AMV's two existing commercials during prime time viewing.* | *Only the island of Bali preserved, alongside its own traditions, the Brahman heritage of those ancient times.*

**compatible** /kəm'pætɪbəl/ [adj] different machines, methods, ideas etc that are **compatible** can exist together or be used together without producing problems: *Certain kinds of drug are not compatible and should never be taken together.* | *The two businesses have compatible aims, and a merger would be to everyone's advantage.* | **+ with** *Unfortunately he bought a printer that was not compatible with his computer.*

## 11 several different things or people considered together

► together

► collectively

**together** /tə'geðər/ [adv] *The Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary branches together make up the US government.* | **taken together** (=considered as a group) *Taken together, these measures should ensure a rapid return to financial stability.*

**collectively** /kə'lektɪvli/ [adv] *Collectively, these studies showed a clear link between smoking and cancer.* | **collectively called/collectively known as/collectively referred to as etc** *Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands are collectively known as the 'Benelux' countries.* | *These substances are referred to collectively as ketone bodies.*

# woman

### RELATED WORDS

► see also **mother, girlfriend/boyfriend, sex, man, character**

## 1 a woman

► woman

► girl

► lady

**woman** /'wʊmən/ [n C] a female adult: *Rebecca Stephens was the first British woman to climb Mount*

*Everest.* | *Who's that woman you were talking to just now?* | *In some African countries, the women do most of the agricultural work.*

**lady** /'leɪdi/ [n C] a polite word for a woman, especially a woman who is there when you are speaking about her: *There's a lady here who wants to speak to you about her account.* | **old lady** *Ella is the elderly lady who lives next door.* | **ladies and gentlemen** (=use this when you are talking to an audience, making a speech etc) *Ladies and gentlemen, I am delighted to welcome you here tonight.*

**girl** /gɜ:rl/ [n C] a young woman: *He's going out with that girl who works in the library.* | *On Saturday night, the streets are full of teenage girls and boys, out for a good time.* | **young girl** *In Britain, some young girls are choosing parenthood as an alternative to employment.*

## 2 a woman who does a particular job or activity

► woman

► female

► lady

**woman** /'wʊmən/ [n C] **woman writer/teacher/priest/driver etc** *Mrs Thatcher was Britain's first woman prime minister.* | *an exciting new collection of short stories by women writers* | *Not long ago, the Church of England voted to ordain women priests.* | *Women drivers tend to be much more careful than men.* | **policewoman/businesswoman/publicity woman etc** *A young policewoman was standing at the door.* | *I was impressed by some of the high-flying businesswomen at the conference.*

**female** /'fi:meɪl/ [adj usually before noun] formal a **female** worker, teacher, singer etc is a woman or girl – use this to contrast women with men who are doing the same thing: *Emma is the only female lawyer that the firm has ever employed.* | *Female students tend to get better grades than male students.* | *In Tokyo, the number of female taxi drivers is up 75% since 1972.*

**lady** /'leɪdi/ [adj only before noun] a polite word, which some women may find offensive, for a woman who does an important or professional job **lady doctor/councillor etc** *I'd rather see a lady doctor, if that's possible.* | *The town has had a lady mayor for a couple of years now.*

## 3 what you call a woman when you speak to her or write to her

► Mrs

► Miss

► Ms

► madam

► ma'am

**Mrs** British /**Mrs.** American /'mɪsɪz/ use this before the family name of a woman who is married: *Mrs Thomas, the doctor is ready to see you now.* | *'Dear Mrs. Gilman,' the letter said ...* | *It's Mrs Hawsworth's 70th birthday this weekend.*

**Miss** /mɪs/ use this before the family name of a woman who has never been married: *The children were told that they should call their new teacher Miss Watts.* | *My secretary, Miss Evans, will meet you in reception.*

**Ms** British /**Ms.** American /mɪz, məz/ use this before a woman's family name if you do not know whether she is married, or if it is not important whether she is married: *Would you prefer to be called Mrs or Ms Cawley?* | *Does anyone know a Ms. Jacobs? There's a letter for her here.*



**madam** /'mædəm/ formal use this when writing a formal letter to a woman. In British English this is also used when talking to a customer in a shop, hotel, restaurant etc: *Can I help you, madam?* | *Dear Madam, I am writing in response to your advertisement.* | **Madam Chairman** (=use this to address a female chairman in a formal discussion) *Madam Chairman, I would like to reply to that point.*

**ma'am** /mæm, mɑ:m, məm||mæm/ American spoken a polite word used when talking to a woman who you do not know: *Would you like some help, ma'am?*

## 4 for women or relating to women

- ▶ **women's**
- ▶ **ladies'**
- ▶ **female**
- ▶ **feminine**
- ▶ **effeminate**
- ▶ **womanly**

**women's** /'wɪmɪnz/ [adj only before noun] use this about things that are designed for women or done by women, and not designed for or done by men: *She's the fashion editor for a women's magazine.* | *Why don't they ever show women's football on TV?* | *the latest and most fashionable trends in women's clothes*

**ladies'** /'leɪdɪz/ [adj only before noun] formal used, especially in the past, about things that are designed for women or done by women, and not designed for or done by men: *I managed to get a place on the university ladies' golf team.* | *the ladies' tennis tournament* | *Ladies' fashions are on the first floor.* | **the ladies' room/the ladies'** (=the women's toilets in a public place) *Could you tell me where the ladies' room is?*

**female** /'fi:meɪl/ [adj only before noun] use this about behaviour or personal qualities that are traditionally thought to be typical of women, or about physical characteristics that belong to women: *Many women reject the traditional female roles of wife and mother.* | *Patience and kindness are often seen as female qualities.* | *the female reproductive system*

**feminine** /'femɪnɪn/ [adj] looking attractive in a way that is traditionally thought to be typical of a woman: *Hairstyles this autumn are long, soft and very feminine.* | *Lindsay wears very feminine clothes – pretty dresses with flowers on and things like that.* | *the rounded feminine shape* — **femininity** /,femɪ'nɪnəti/ [n U] *ideas of femininity*

**effeminate** /ɪ'femɪnət/ [adj] use this about a man who behaves like a woman or looks like a woman: *He was very young and handsome in a slightly effeminate way.* | *The way he walks is a bit effeminate, and he sounds effeminate too.*

**womanly** /'wʊmənli/ [adj] **womanly** qualities are typical of a grown woman, especially one who is sensible, kind etc: *She had a plump, womanly figure.* | *the conventional womanly virtues of patience and sense* | *He thought that since she'd had children, she'd grown more attractive and womanly.*

## 5 believing in equal rights for women

- ▶ **feminism**
- ▶ **feminist**

**feminism** /'femɪnɪzəm/ [n U] a set of beliefs based on the principle that women are equal to men and should be treated equally: *There were many close links between social reform movements and feminism.* | *the civilising influence of feminism*

**feminist** /'femɪnɪst/ [n C] someone who believes strongly in the principle that men and women should be treated equally, and that society should be

changed so that this can happen: *The feminists marched in thousands when David Laing urged married women to give up their jobs and stay at home.* | **radical feminist** (=someone with extreme feminist views) *In the 1960's I saw myself as a revolutionary and a radical feminist.* — **feminist** [adj] *the early feminist movement*

# word/phrase/sentence

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **language, write, read, talk, listen, meaning, translate**

## 1 a word or group of words

- ▶ **word**
- ▶ **phrase**
- ▶ **expression**
- ▶ **term**
- ▶ **idiom**
- ▶ **figure of speech**
- ▶ **catchword**

**word** /wɜ:ɪd/ [n C] *Are there any words in the passage that you don't understand?* | *Look up any words you don't know in a dictionary.* | *Is 'lunchtime' one word or two?* | *The word 'origami' comes from Japanese.* | **word for sth** (=word that means something) *'Casa' is the Italian word for 'house'.* | *What's another word for 'way out'?*

**phrase** /freɪz/ [n C] a combination of two or more words that has a particular meaning: *There are some useful words and phrases at the end of each chapter in the Student's Book.* | *Are you familiar with the phrase 'the old boy network'?* | **use a phrase** *I was criticized for using the phrase 'gay lifestyles'.* | *His campaign is, to use one of his favourite phrases, 'as dead as Elvis'.* | **in sb's phrase** (=according to a phrase which someone used) *The battle of El Alamein was, in Churchill's phrase, 'the end of the beginning'.* | **coin a phrase** (=invent a phrase) *Who first coined the phrase 'Iron Curtain'?* | **turn of phrase** (=a particular phrase or word that someone uses) *The head of the bank described the salary cuts as 'peanuts', a turn of phrase which angered many bank workers.*

**expression** /ɪk'spreʃən/ [n C] a group of words that is used to talk about or say a particular thing: *'It'll be alright in the end' – that was my mother's favourite expression.* | *'Shadow-boxing'? I've never heard that expression before!* | **use an expression** *I don't normally use that expression myself, but I've heard other people use it sometimes.* | *He said he didn't care – well actually he used a rude expression that I can't repeat!*

**term** /tɜ:ɪm/ [n C] a word or group of words that are used in a technical or scientific subject and have an exact meaning in that subject: *Mr Hicks used the term 'neighbourhood schools' for what in effect were segregated black schools.* | *It's very difficult to give a definition of a term like 'cyberspace'.* | **medical/legal/scientific etc term (for sth)** *The medical term for losing your hair is 'alopecia'.*

**idiom** /'ɪdiəm/ [n C] a group of words that are used together and have a special meaning that you cannot guess from the meanings of each separate word: *'Full of beans' is an idiom which means lively and energetic.* | *In Hollywood, white stars are adopting black idioms, dress styles and manners.* — **idiomatic** /,ɪdiə'mætɪk/ [adj] *Some idiomatic phrases don't translate literally, so you have to find an equivalent.*



**figure of speech** /ˈfɪɡər əv 'spɪtʃ||fɪɡjər-/ [n C] a group of words that are used to describe someone or something in an unusual or poetic way: *We describe our genes as 'selfish' or 'ruthless', but of course this is only a figure of speech.* | *When I said we spent the night together, it was just a figure of speech. I didn't sleep with her.*

**catchword** /'kætʃwɜːrd/ [n C] a word or phrase that people use in a particular situation, because it describes what is important in that situation: *Variety will be the catchword at the new venue, with acts ranging from stand-up comedy to poetry readings.* | *After World War II, the catchword for a newly health-conscious society was 'protein'.*

## 2 a sentence or part of a sentence

- ▶ sentence
- ▶ clause
- ▶ phrase

**sentence** /'sentəns/ [n C] a group of words that begins with a capital letter, ends with a full stop, and includes a verb: *Write a complete sentence for each answer.* | *Try to write using short, punchy sentences.* | *Describe your best friend in a single sentence.* | *The opening sentence of the book defines the concept of Tai-Chi-Chuan.*

**clause** /kloːz/ [n C] a group of words that has a subject and a verb and that is part of a sentence **main clause** (=the clause that describes the main action) *We will go to the theatre tonight [main clause] if we can get tickets [subordinate clause].* | **subordinate clause/dependent clause** (=a clause that is not the main clause) *In the sentence 'Can you tell me what time it is?' 'Can you tell me' is the main clause, and 'what time it is' is a subordinate clause.*

**phrase** /freɪz/ [n C] a small group of words which together form a single unit in a sentence – used in technical contexts: *The phrase 'a big black dog' is the subject of the sentence.* | **noun/adverb/verb etc phrase** *'A bottle of whisky' is a noun phrase, and 'really rather foolishly' is an adverb phrase.*

## 3 a phrase or sentence that is well known or often used

- ▶ saying
- ▶ proverb
- ▶ buzzword
- ▶ cliché
- ▶ platitude
- ▶ quotation
- ▶ slogan
- ▶ catchphrase
- ▶ motto

**saying** /'seɪ-ɪŋ/ [n C] a short sentence that contains advice, or says what is usually true in a particular situation. **Sayings** have usually been used for a long time: *'You're only as old as you feel' – that's one of my favourite sayings.* | **old/famous/well-known saying** *The more often you play the flute, the better you'll get. Remember the old saying, practice makes perfect.* | *How many times have we heard the famous saying, 'Physician heal thyself'?* | **as the saying goes** (=according to a saying) *What followed, as the saying goes, shook the world.* | *Like father, like son, as the saying goes – by the time Tim was eight, he was already a budding entrepreneur.*

**proverb** /'prɒvɜːrb||'praː-/ [n C] a well-known saying that gives advice or says something about human life, especially using words that represent a wider meaning: *Do you remember this old proverb: 'When poverty comes in the door, love flies out of the window'?* | **Chinese/Arabic/French etc proverb** *An Irish proverb is relevant here – 'You've got to do your own*

*growing, no matter how tall your grandfather is.'* | **cite/quote a proverb** *In reply, he quoted a Sanskrit proverb: 'Forgiveness is the ornament of the brave'.*

**buzzword** /'bʌzwɜːrd/ [n C] a word or phrase from one special area of knowledge that people suddenly start using a lot, especially because they think it means something important: *The big Internet buzzword at the moment is 'push technology'.* | *Customer-friendliness was the buzzword in British business circles.* | *'Going snap' on a decision was the latest buzzword in our office.*

**cliché** /'kliːʃeɪ||kliː'ʃeɪ/ [n C] a phrase that is used so often that it seems boring, annoying, or silly: *It's a cliché, I know, but the game isn't over till the final whistle blows.* | **old/tired cliché** *At the risk of repeating an old cliché, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger.* | **become a cliché** *It's become a cliché to say that presidential candidates are being marketed like bars of soap or boxes of cereal.* — **clichéd** [adj] *Without sounding too clichéd about it, there should be more to life than that.* | *Poor production, dreary guitar chords and clichéd lyrics – this latest album is truly awful.*

**platitude** /'plætɪtjuːd||-tuːd/ [n C] a phrase that is so clearly true that it has no useful meaning and is therefore annoying, especially because the person using it seems insincere and unsympathetic: *The management tried to satisfy staff with some platitudes about the need to make sacrifices for the benefit of the company.* | **empty platitude** (=one that is meaningless) *The marriage counsellor could only offer us a string of empty platitudes.* | **mouth/spout platitudes** *Mr Gringold droned on, mouthing the usual platitudes about motivation and self-reliance.*

**quotation** /kwəʊ'teɪʃən/ [n C] a sentence or phrase from a book, play, poem etc that is used to explain or show something: *If you do use quotations in your essay, select them carefully.* | *a dictionary of theatrical quotations* | **+ from** *The book begins with a quotation from The Book of Common Prayer.* | **attribute a quotation to sb** (=say that they are the first person to say it) *The quotation is attributed to Chu Hsi, an ancient Chinese philosopher.*

**slogan** /'sləʊɡən/ [n C] a short phrase that is easy to remember, especially one that is used by advertisers, politicians, or entertainers: *Bloomingdale's has as its slogan 'Like no other store in the world'.* | *Young men risked their lives to daub buildings with anti-government slogans.* | **+ of** *'Liberte, egalite, fraternite' was the slogan of the French Revolution.* | **advertising/marketing/campaign slogan** *They've come up with a new advertising slogan for the product.*

**catchphrase** /'kætʃfreɪz/ [n C usually singular] a short, well-known phrase used regularly by an entertainer or other public figure: *The public soon learned to associate the catchphrase 'Ooh, you are awful' with the inimitable Dick Emery.* | *His catchphrases like 'What a peach of a shot' and 'That's a dream of a pass' are now part of tennis language.*

**motto** /'mɒtəʊ||'məː-/ [n C usually singular] a word or phrase that expresses a person or organization's aims or beliefs: *The school's motto was 'Work hard and play hard'.* | *'All my life,' said Sir Humphrey, 'my motto has been "aim high".'* | **family motto** *The Mortimer family motto is inscribed above the door – 'Humilitas'.*

## 4 all the words someone knows or uses

- ▶ vocabulary
- ▶ terminology



**vocabulary** /və'kæbjɪləri, vəʊ-||-leri/ [n C usually singular] someone's **vocabulary** is all the words that they know or use: *These stories are written for students with a vocabulary of about 2000 words.* | *Reading is a good way to increase your vocabulary.* | *a vocabulary test* | *How big is the average 4-year-old's vocabulary?*

**terminology** /tɜ:'mɪ'nɒlədʒi||-nɑ:-/ [n U] all the technical words or expressions that are used in connection with a particular subject: *One of the hardest things when studying linguistics is learning all the right terminology.* | **legal/medical/scientific etc terminology** *In legal terminology, a widow is the 'relict' of her late husband.* | *Kelly wants to be a nurse, and is taking a medical terminology class at night.*

## work

### RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **job, earn, work for sb, work hard, business, company**

### WHAT'S HERE

- **work that sb does** see **1 to 6**
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- **sth you have to do** see **10 to 12**

## work that sb does

### 1 work that someone does as part of their job

- ▶ **work**
- ▶ **business**
- ▶ **duties**

**work** /wɜ:'rk/ [n U] the things that you have to do in your job, which need time and effort: *What kind of work are you looking for?* | *He liked the work, and he was good at it too.* | **do some/more etc work** *Scott's doing some work for me at the moment, as it happens.* | *I didn't get much work done today.* | *Being in the police isn't all action. Administration is a large part of the work we do.* | **personnel/secretarial/bar etc work** *Have you ever done bar work before?* | *He's doing construction work these days.* | *It's clerical work mainly – pretty boring.* | **voluntary/charity work** (=work that you do not get paid for) *She does two afternoons voluntary work at the playgroup.* | *Are you still involved in charity work?* | **extra/more/additional work** *The last thing I want is extra work.*

**business** /'bɪznɪs/ [n U] work that you do in your job, especially work that involves buying and selling, travelling to different places, or discussing things such as contracts with people: *I was in London last month because I had some business there.* | *Gerald left, saying he had some important business to attend to.* | *Some insurance companies offer lower rates for drivers who do not use their cars for business.* | *'Is this trip for business or pleasure?' 'Business, I'm afraid.'* | **do business** *The paper claims to provide proof that some drug lords are doing business from their jail cells.* | **business trip/meeting/traveller etc** *'Where's Michael?' 'He's at a business meeting.'* | *This is strictly a business trip.* | *Our main market is the business traveler looking for cheap overnight accommodation.* | **on business** (=for business, not pleasure) *I have to go to Tokyo next month on business.*

**duties** /'dʒu:tɪz||'du:-/ [n plural] the various things that you have to do as part of your job – used especially in contracts or other official documents **sb's duties** *In addition to secretarial and general office work, your duties will include providing the directors with refreshments.* | *As soon as she returned home from her honeymoon, she resumed her medical duties at the clinic.* | **go about/perform/fulfil duties** *A teacher can be dismissed for not performing his or her contractual duties.* | *She is a member of staff, and like all of us, she has duties to fulfil.* | *I admired him, especially because of the way he went about his duties efficiently.* | **suspend sb/relieve sb from duties** (=to stop them doing their job for a period of time) *Three instructors have been suspended from duties while sexual harassment charges are investigated.* | *Nine officers were relieved of their duties after McDuffie's death.*

### 2 work that a student does

- ▶ **homework**
- ▶ **classwork**
- ▶ **schoolwork**
- ▶ **coursework**
- ▶ **studies**

**homework** /'həʊmwɜ:'rk/ [n U] the work that a student has to do at home as part of their studies: *My brother always used to help me with my homework.* | **do (your) homework** *I'm sorry Gail, but Amber has to stay home and do her homework.* | *Oh, I've got so much homework to do!* | *Did you get your homework done Jason?* | **have homework** *I don't have any homework tonight.* | *Have you got a lot of homework then?* | **for homework** *For homework, I'd like you to finish exercises 2 and 3 on page 24.* | **English/geography etc homework** *Dave, have you done your French homework?*

**classwork** /'klɑ:swɜ:'rk||'klæs-/ [n U] the work that a student does when they are at school, rather than work they do at home: *Mrs Hoffmann, I'm calling about Mike's classwork. There are some problems.* | *The units are ideal for classwork, but can also be used by students at home.*

**schoolwork** /'sku:lɜwɜ:'rk/ [n U] all the work that a student has to do for their studies: *Johnny's had a lot of problems at home recently and it's starting to affect his schoolwork.* | *The program combines schoolwork with job experience.* | *Tim, a third-grader, had difficulty with his schoolwork, and also found it hard to make friends.*

**coursework** /'kɔ:rsɜwɜ:'rk/ [n U] British the work that a student has to do for the course that they are studying, especially when this is compared with work done in examinations: *Half of the marks are for the exam, the rest are for coursework.* | *None of the coursework seemed to have much relevance to being a nurse in a busy hospital.* | *I'm just so behind on the coursework.*

**studies** /'stɑdɪz/ [n plural] formal the work that a student does at a school or university **sb's studies** *After the war, he resumed his studies at the University of Turin.* | *Her parents insisted that she give up the vacation job, as they felt it was interfering with her studies.* | **finish/complete your studies** *After completing her studies at the University, she worked as a nurse for six years.*

### 3 work that you have to do in your home

- ▶ **housework**
- ▶ **work**

**housework** /'haʊswɜ:'rk/ [n U] work that needs to



be done in your home, for example, cleaning, washing clothes, or keeping rooms tidy: *None of her kids ever help with the housework.* | *I've got to catch up on the housework this weekend.* | **do housework** *Well, I did all my housework this morning, though you wouldn't think it to look at the place now.*

**work** /wɜːrk/ [n U] the things that you have to do in your home, for yourself or your family: *The garden needs a bit more work, but it's almost finished.* | *Use the best tools and materials you can afford to give a professional finish to your DIY work.* | **do some/any more/a bit of etc work** *'Where's Dave?' 'He's outside, doing some work on the car, I think.'* | **+ on** *I'm not doing any more work on the house this year, I can't be bothered.*

## 4 a piece of work done by an artist, musician etc

► work

► piece

**work** /wɜːrk/ [n C usually plural] something such as a painting, film, book, or long piece of music produced by an artist, writer etc: *The painting is one of Picasso's earlier works.* | *A major new work by one of Poland's leading film directors will be shown next Saturday.* | **work of art** (=a painting or sculpture, especially a famous, important, or very valuable one) *The highest price paid for a work of art was the £30.2 million for Van Gogh's 'Irises'.* | **complete works of sb** (=all the things that someone has produced) *the complete works of William Shakespeare*

**piece** /piːs/ [n C] something that has been produced by an artist, musician, or writer, for example a painting or drawing or a short piece of music or writing: *The concert began with three short pieces by the Brazilian composer Villa-Lobos.* | *The collection includes pieces in both oils and watercolours, with a range of still life paintings.* | **piece of music/writing/work etc** *Another typical piece of Owen's work is the poem, 'The Sentry'.* | *a truly impressive piece of Greek sculpture*

## 5 the effort involved in working

► work

► effort

► labour

► commitment

**work** /wɜːrk/ [n U] *David tries to avoid work at all times.* | *It seems to be an awful lot of work to keep this place looking tidy.* | **hard work** *Finally, I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work this year.* | *My daughter gained her grades through sheer hard work and determination.* | **put work into sth** *His last few speeches had been awful, and he knew he had to put more work into them.* | *Phil has had the car for two years and has put hours of work into it.* | **a considerable/huge/immense etc amount of work** *A considerable amount of work was necessary to establish even this basic framework.* | *The students have put a huge amount of work into the scheme.* | **good/sterling work** (=used to say that the effort someone has made is good) *Well done Peter – keep up the good work.* | *I hope you'll join me in paying tribute to the sterling work done by the committee this year.*

**effort** /'efərt/ [n U] the physical or mental energy that is needed to do something: *It seemed like a lot of effort for a very small gain.* | *His last piece does require some effort from the listener, but it's well worth it.* | **with effort** *He mounted the slope with effort, breathing hard.* | **a waste of effort** *I could have told you it would be a waste of effort.* | **put effort in/into sth** *After all the effort I put in, they had*

*better be satisfied!* | *Vicki has hardly put in any effort, yet she's expecting the same rewards as everyone else.* | **take/require effort** *This exercise isn't difficult – it shouldn't require much effort.* | *The former method takes a bit more effort, but the results are more reliable.* | **be (well) worth the effort** (=use this when the energy you use is worth using, because the result is good) *Children are hard work, of course, but worth the effort.* | *The climb is arduous, but well worth the effort, as the views from the top are spectacular.* | **time and effort** *I've spent a lot of time and effort getting this far. I'm not giving up now.*

**labour** British /**labor** American /'leɪbər/ [n U] hard physical work, such as digging, lifting, or cleaning: *Many women do all the work in the home, and their labour is unpaid.* | *Marx defined the working class as people who sell their labour to employers.* | **manual/physical labour** *You don't look as if you could do physical labor.* | **farm/agricultural labour** *rising opportunities in agricultural labor in the North.*

**commitment** /kə'mɪtmənt/ [n U] the hard work and loyalty that someone gives to an organization, activity, or piece of work, because they really care about it and believe in it: *Thanks to your energy and commitment, the fundraiser was a great success.* | **+ to** *Your commitment to the project is very much appreciated by management.* | **total/absolute/full commitment** *He is adamant that he wants total commitment and effort in the build-up to the match.* | *Lawrence promised full commitment in his drive to make Santa Barbara College the most successful school in the region.*

## 6 unpleasant or boring work

► grind

► be a slog

► donkey work

► drudgery

► toil

**grind** /graɪnd/ [n singular] things that you have to do every day, especially as part of your job, which are boring and make you feel tired **+ of** *Work feels like such a grind lately.* | *The relentless grind of hard labour and ill-health had taken its toll on Booth.* | **the daily grind** *The daily grind of meetings and tutorials went on.* | **hard grind** British *The Prime Minister is pictured taking a break from the hard grind of political life.*

**be a slog** /biː ə 'slog||-'sla:g/ [v phrase] British use this to say that work is difficult, boring, and tiring: *The journey across the valley to the farm is going to be a slog.* | **hard/long slog** *It's a hard slog isn't it? I wish we'd got further yesterday.* | *Cutting all the wood before nightfall was a long, hard slog.*

**donkey work** British /**grunt work** American /'dɒŋki wɜːrk||'dɑːŋki-, 'grʌnt wɜːrk/ [n U] informal work that is boring or takes a lot of time and effort, but that has to be done as part of a job or larger piece of work: *I was doing grunt work for the secretary in the department, twenty hours a week.* | *The real donkey work was actually done by those guys.*

**drudgery** /'drʌdʒəri/ [n U] work that is hard and unpleasant because it is very boring, takes a long time to do, and often involves a lot of physical effort: *Technological advances have taken much of the drudgery out of the assembly line and car plant.* | *What seemed a promising job turned into months of boredom and drudgery.* | **the drudgery of sth** *The data management system has eliminated much of the drudgery of filing.* | *Calculators were introduced to relieve students of the drudgery of pencil-and-paper number-crunching.*



**toil** /tɔɪl/ [n U] formal difficult and boring work that takes a long time: *Here began their arduous toil to force a living from the land.* | *man's desire for freedom from physical toil*

## to work/do work

### 7 to do a job that you get paid for

- ▶ work
- ▶ be
- ▶ go into
- ▶ practise

**work** /wɜːrk/ [v I] *I haven't worked since I had my first child seven years ago.* | *His illness eventually prevented him from working.* | *Four teachers agreed to work without pay until things were settled.* | + **for** *For nineteen years, my father worked for the General Electric Corporation.* | *The company Jack worked for gave him fully paid leave during his wife's illness.* | + **in/on/at** *I'd never worked in a lab before I came here.* | *Five mornings a week, she worked on campus.* | *Over the years, I'd gotten used to all the perks of working at a posh downtown Miami law firm.* | **work as a consultant/secretary/builder etc** *He's changed his job and is now working as a consultant for a German firm.* | *Her father was an artist who sometimes worked as a salesman and labourer.* | **work somewhere** *Sorry, Bethany doesn't work here any more.* | *Where do you work?* | **work long hours/Sundays/nights/full-time etc** *He only works three days a week now.* | *There's always someone in – I'm working nights so I'm here in the days.* | *I was working full-time, so I didn't see much of my girlfriend.* | *Are you prepared to work longer hours occasionally, to get the work done?* | **work hard** *My staff work hard, and they trust me. That's important.*

**be** /bi:/ [v] if someone is a teacher, farmer, doctor etc, that is their job: *'What do you do?' 'I'm a journalist.'* | *She was a teacher for over twenty years.* | *Before becoming a writer, Schwarz had been a cook, a cab driver and a door-to-door salesman.*

**go into** /'gəʊ ɪntu:/ [v T] **go into teaching/nursing/politics/journalism etc** to start working as a teacher, nurse etc, because you have decided that this is the job you would like to do: *Janet says she'd like to go into teaching after she finishes college.* | *Mills was wealthy even before he went into politics.* | *Snyder went into business for herself as an independent consultant.*

**practise** British /**practice** American /'præktɪs/ [v I/T] to work in a professional job as a doctor, lawyer, dentist etc: *Although he is a qualified dentist, he ceased to practice several years ago.* | *Kingsley has been practising from the London Hydrotherapy Centre since 1960.* | **practise medicine/law etc** *I graduated from Manchester Law school and practised law with the firm of Arthur & Madden of Birmingham.* | + **as** *A small proportion of those who complete their training do not practise as doctors.* — **practising** [adj only before noun] *Jenny is a practising psychotherapist.*

### 8 to do work that is not part of your job

- ▶ work
- ▶ do

**work** /wɜːrk/ [v I] to do an activity that needs effort and takes time: *I've been working all day in the garden.* | *We had to work non-stop to get the boat ready for the race.* | + **on** *I have to work on the Jeep over the weekend.*

**do** /du:/ [v T] **do the housework/gardening/cleaning etc** to do work that must be done regularly in your home: *I'm always the one who does the cooking and cleaning and stuff around here.* | *It's about time the laundry was done.* | *Hey, the washing-up's been done. That must have been Cynthia.*

### 9 to be at the place where you work

- ▶ be at work
- ▶ be on duty
- ▶ on business
- ▶ be on call

**be at work** /bi: ət 'wɜːrk/ [v phrase] to be doing your job at the place where you work, especially at a factory, office etc owned by your employer: *I'm afraid Fran's not here at the moment – he's at work.* | *What time do you have to be at work?* | *I'll tell you, I wish I had these DAT machines at work.*

**be on duty** /bi: ɒn 'djuːti- 'duːti/ [v phrase] to be at work in a job where there must always be someone working, for example if you are a nurse or a police officer: *You can't drink while you're on duty.* | **on duty 24 hours/from 6.00 p.m./on Mondays etc** *I'm on duty from 8 a.m. on Monday till 12 midday on Thursday.* | *We're on duty tonight at half past ten.*

**on business** /ɒn 'bɪznɪs/ [adv] if someone goes somewhere **on business**, they go somewhere as part of their job, especially to another city or country: *She drives to Tijuana several times a month on business.* | *The family was living in the Palace Hotel in Japan because my father was there on business.* | *Do you travel abroad on business more than three times a year?* | **be away on business** *With her husband frequently away on business, Berenice turns to a close friend for help and support.*

**be on call** /bi: ɒn 'kɔːl/ [v phrase] if someone such as a doctor, lawyer, or engineer **is on call**, they can be telephoned and will work if they are needed: *Doctor Lalor won't be at the surgery this afternoon, but she's on call until midnight.* | *If the machine breaks down at any time, there's always a technician on call.* | *Construction managers must be on call to deal with emergencies.* | **be on call 24 hours a day/3 days a week etc** *Resident managers live in hotels and are on call 24 hours a day.*

## sth you have to do

### 10 a piece of work that you have to do

- ▶ job
- ▶ task
- ▶ something to do/ some work to do
- ▶ piece of work
- ▶ assignment
- ▶ chore
- ▶ errand
- ▶ duty

**job** /dʒɒb/ [n C] a specific piece of work that you have to do, often one that you are not paid for: *Repairing the roof – that's going to be the biggest job.* | *Cleaning the car's one of my least favorite jobs.* | **do a job** *Well, I must go now. I've lots of jobs to do around the house.* | **do a good/nice/beautiful etc job** (=do a job well) *I always take my car to York Street garage. They're expensive, but they do a good job.* | *Irene did a nice job on those clothes didn't she?* | **get on with a job** (=continue doing a job) *He didn't complain or criticize, he just got on with the job.* | **odd jobs** (=jobs of different kinds that are not regular) *He does odd jobs for people in his spare time.* | **the job in/at hand** (=the job you have to do at the moment) *Let's just concentrate on the job in*



*hand, shall we?* | *She was upset, and found it difficult to keep her mind on the job at hand.*

**task** /tɑːsk|tæsk/ [n C] formal a piece of work that you have to do – use this especially about a difficult or unpleasant job, or about a specific part of your work: *One of the first tasks Eva set herself was learning the local language.* | **impossible/difficult/arduous etc task** *The UN Peacekeeping Force faces an almost impossible task.* | *We knew what had to be done, but it wasn't an easy task.* | **+ of** *Recovery crews continued the grim task of retrieving bodies from the wreckage.* | **face/begin/continue a task** *By 2001, we had begun the task of collecting the materials and information needed for the study.* | *This is one of the most difficult and complex tasks we face.* | **perform a task/carry out a task** *Most of the workers did not have the skills required to perform the most basic tasks.* | *The massacre was never fully investigated because the police were incapable of carrying out the task.* | **thankless task** (=one that no one wants to do because they will get no satisfaction from it) *Who on earth would volunteer for such a thankless task?*

**something to do/some work to do** /səmθɪŋ tə 'duː, səm 'wɜːrk tə duː/ [v phrase] a job that you have to do, either for your work or for yourself, especially things that you have to leave your office or house to do: *I'll pick the laundry up on Saturday – I have some shopping to do anyway.* | *I've got some work to do this evening.*

**piece of work** /piːs əv 'wɜːrk/ [n phrase] something that you have to do, especially something that involves writing or drawing and a lot of thinking **do/hand in/submit a piece of work** *Do you actually fail the year if you don't hand in a piece of work?* | *I've got a merit for every piece of work I've done.* | **good/excellent etc piece of work** *I think this is a very fine piece of work and it deserves a first class mark.* | *Look at that piece of work and ask yourself the question – 'Is this the best I can do?'*

**assignment** /ə'saɪnmənt/ [n C] a piece of work that someone gives you to do, as part of your job or as part of your studies: *Bart's first assignment for the newspaper was to report on the French elections.* | *This is a really tough assignment, and I believe you're the only person who can handle it.* | **finish/complete an assignment** *She stayed late to complete a class assignment.* | **history/homework/school/military etc assignment** *Robin spent many lunch hours poring over her math assignments.* | *I eventually got a teaching assignment at Xibei.* | **one-year/two week etc assignment** *'I figure this will either make or break us,' Cheyne said of the 1-year assignment to get the camp up and running.*

**chore** /tʃɔːr/ [n C] an unpleasant or boring job, especially one that you have to do regularly in your home: *Washing the kitchen floor was a daily chore, and it was the one I hated most.* | *When we opened the store, our ambition was to make shopping less of a chore, more of a pleasure.* | *When I got old enough I started to have chores around the house.* | **do the/your chores** (=do all the cleaning etc that needs doing in a home) *Michael, come on. Do your chores, bud.* | **household chores** (=chores in the home, such as cleaning or cooking) *Husbands should be prepared to do their share of the household chores.*

**errand** /'erənd/ [n C] a small job that you need to do or that someone has asked you to do, such as buying something, posting something, taking somebody to a place etc **do/run an errand (for sb)** *Before you disappear, I want you to do an errand for me.* | *Peter cleaned equipment, ran errands, answered the phone – it was all routine.* | *I used to pick up her dry cleaning and run errands for her.*

**duty** /'djuːti||'durti/ [n C usually plural] something that you have a responsibility to do, especially as a regular part of your job: *For the most part, there was not much to do, other than cleanup duty around the prison camp.* | *Part of a park ranger's official duties is to ensure public safety.* | *clerical and secretarial duties* | **have a duty to do sth** formal *Teachers have a duty to ensure that students are not injured whilst they are in their care.* | **perform a duty** *And now I have a very pleasant duty to perform. I am going to present the prizes to the winning competitors.* | **tour of duty** (=a period of time that a soldier or other member of the armed forces spends in a particular place) *He recently completed a tour of duty in Seoul as assistant to the US ambassador there.*

## 11 an important piece of work

- ▶ project
- ▶ mission

- ▶ undertaking

**project** /'prɒdʒekt||'praː-/ [n C] an important piece of work that an organization, group, or person plans carefully in order to achieve a particular aim over a long period of time: *The federal government will help fund this immense project, which includes the building of 150 day-care centers.* | *The government scrapped the project after ruling that the costs were too high.* | *I've been working on the Inner City Development Project for the last five years.* | **educational/construction/research etc project** *a joint US-British research project* | *These are encouraging signs that the ballpark project is moving from blueprint to reality.*

**mission** /'mɪʃən/ [n C] an important job that someone is sent to do in another place, especially for a military or political purpose: *He was immediately sent to Paris. His mission was to negotiate a ceasefire.* | *He volunteered to embark on a dangerous secret mission into occupied France.* | *a rescue mission to salvage a satellite* | **combat/military mission** *I flew on over 280 combat missions in two wars, so I'm used to danger.*

**undertaking** /,ʌndə'teɪkɪŋ||'ʌndərteɪ-/ [n C usually singular] a big or important job, which you decide or agree to do, and which you will be responsible for **huge/major/big etc undertaking** *In the late 1980s, the US embarked on a major undertaking: the human genome project.* | *Everybody needs to realise that this is a huge undertaking.* | *Covering an Olympics is an extraordinary undertaking for any television company.*

## 12 to give someone work to do

- ▶ give
- ▶ assign
- ▶ set

- ▶ commission
- ▶ saddle sb with

**give** /gɪv/ [v T] if you give someone a job, some work etc, you offer them the job, work etc, or ask them to do it for you **give sb sth** *I asked Joel's teacher if we should give him some Level 4 work.* | *We were given some grammar assignments for homework.* | **give sth to sb** *Angie did a really good interview, but they gave the job to someone with more experience.* | **give sb sth to do/give sth to sb to do** *What can I give Helen to do? She's finished the filing.* | *OK, you open the parcels. That'll give you something to do.* | *'Have you peeled the carrots?' 'No, I gave them to Dad to do.'*

**assign** /ə'saɪn/ [v T usually in passive] formal to give a particular job to a particular person **be assigned sth** *You have been assigned the task of keeping the*



records up to date. | After her promotion took effect, she was assigned a research job. | **be assigned to sb** The job of producing a development program was assigned to the junior minister. | He was asked to assign two of his employees to the inventory control department.

**set** /set/ [v T] especially British if a teacher or employer sets you a piece of work, they give it to you to do, and you must finish it by a particular time or date **set homework/a task/work etc** Mr Harris always sets a lot of homework. | Is that all – or has she set some other task for you as well? | Anneka was set the huge task by Christian Aid on behalf of a family who fled from war-torn Mozambique. | **set sb sth** She set us some work to do in groups. | At the end of the session, they were set a homework task.

**commission** /kə'mɪʃən/ [v T] to appoint someone to do a piece of work for you, for example to write a report or to produce some artistic or scientific work: The Philadelphia Medical Society commissioned a report on alcoholism. | **be commissioned for/by/from etc** His 'Landscapes' Symphony was commissioned for the inaugural concert of the Shepherd School. | Seventy-five percent of Americans think that women are more sensual than men, according to a survey commissioned by Revlon. | The Left-Hand Piano Concerto was the first of several works commissioned from distinguished composers. | **commission sb to do sth** In 1506, Bramante was commissioned by Pope Julius II to rebuild St Peter's church. | The gallery is housed in the new wing, which he commissioned Adams to build 18 years ago.

**saddle sb with** ALSO **lumber sb with** British informal /'sædl (sb) wɪð, 'lʌmbər (sb) wɪð/ [phr v T] to give someone an unpleasant or difficult job to do **be/get saddled with sth** Campaign adviser Ken Polaski has been saddled with the job of explaining the recent presidential gaffes. | 'I'm sorry you've been lumbered with running me back home,' said Ashley stiffly. | **saddle sth with sth** The Hong Kong Rugby Union has saddled Simpkin with the post of national coach to the ailing team.

## work for sb

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### 1 to work for a company, person etc

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| ▶ <b>work for</b>          | ▶ <b>be on the staff</b> |
| ▶ <b>be employed</b>       | ▶ <b>be with sb</b>      |
| ▶ <b>be on the payroll</b> | ▶ <b>employer</b>        |

**work for** /'wɜ:k fɔ:r/ [v T not in passive] to do work for a person, company, or organization: How long have you worked for Mr Jackson? | My Dad's been working for IBM for over twenty years. | **work as sth for** Russell is working as a software developer for Microsoft.

**be employed** /bi: ɪm'plɔɪd/ [v phrase] to work for a company or organization, especially when you have an official contract and a permanent job + **by** She was the first woman pilot to be employed by a commercial airline. | + **in** The number of people employed in the construction industry has been falling for many years.

**be on the payroll** /bi: ɒn ðə 'peɪrəʊl/ [v phrase] to officially work for a company or organization and

to receive regular payments for your work: Just before the company closed in 1968, there were 300 people on the payroll. | + **of** Ames exposed 34 intelligence agents on the payroll of the US or its allies.

**be on the staff** /bi: ɒn ðə 'stɑ:f/-'stæf/ [v phrase] to be one of the people who work for a company or organization, especially when you have a permanent job there: Police questioned everyone on the staff at the hotel. | + **of** Valerie has been on the staff of the French Department at Reading University since 1992.

**be with sb** /bi: wɪð (sb)/ [v T] informal to work for a company, especially a large well-known one: I believe he's with Random House now. | I used to be with the BBC, but then I got the chance of being a producer for Channel Four.

**employer** /ɪm'plɔɪər/ [n C] the person, company, or organization that you work for: We will need a reference from your last employer before we can send you a contract. | She applied to her employer for a redundancy payment, but she was refused.

### 2 to work independently and not for someone else

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| ▶ <b>self-employed</b>              | ▶ <b>freelance</b>        |
| ▶ <b>have/run your own business</b> | ▶ <b>be your own boss</b> |

**self-employed** /self ɪm'plɔɪd/ [adj] someone who is self-employed does not have a job with one particular employer, but instead works independently and does work for many different people: Martin is a self-employed builder. | Most fashion models are self-employed, and find work through agencies. | **the self-employed** (=people who are self-employed) The government gives generous tax allowances to the self-employed.

**have/run your own business** /hæv, rʌn jɔ:r əʊn 'bɪznəs/ [v phrase] to own and manage a business, especially a small one such as a shop or restaurant: She runs her own business, making and selling hand-knitted clothes. | It's always been Maria's ambition to have her own business. | **set up your own business** (=begin running your own business) People wanting to set up their own business should take expert financial advice.

**freelance** /'fri:lɑ:ns/-'læns/ [adj] working for several different organizations instead of being employed by only one – use this especially about people such as writers, designers, and photographers **freelance designer/journalist/photographer** Jamie's trying to earn a living as a freelance photographer. | **freelance work/writing/photography etc** Karen stayed at home while the children were small, and made a little money from freelance writing. — **freelance** [adv] If you work freelance from home, your hours are completely flexible. | **go freelance** (=start working freelance after being employed by one organization) I'd built up a number of contacts in the world of graphic design, so in the end I went freelance.

**be your own boss** /bi: jɔ:r əʊn 'bɒs/-'bɔ:s/ [v phrase] informal to work independently and not be employed by other people, and therefore be able to decide by yourself what you should do: I'm not good at taking orders from anybody – I prefer being my own boss. | Jim sacrificed a television career to set up in business and be his own boss.



### 3 someone who works for a company or organization

- ▶ worker
- ▶ employee
- ▶ member of staff/staff member

**worker** /'wɜ:kə/ [n C] someone who works for an organization but is not a manager: *We need better communication between the management and the workers.* | **manual worker** (=someone who does physical work, for example in a factory, rather than working in an office) *The report shows that male manual workers earn twice as much as female workers.* | **post office/factory/office etc worker** *Tony was a retired post-office worker.* | *Ambulance workers threatened to refuse all calls for twenty-four hours on New Year's Eve.* | **skilled/unskilled worker** (=someone who has or does not have special skills) *Despite the high unemployment rate, there is a shortage of skilled workers in some sectors.* | **white-collar workers** (=people who work in offices, banks etc, rather than in factories or with their hands) *There is increasing social mobility among senior white collar workers, who are able to move quite rapidly between organizations.* | **blue collar workers** (=people who do unskilled or manual work) *The report showed that blue collar workers lost ten days a year due to ill health, compared with five days for white collar workers.*

**employee** /ɪm'plɔɪ-i:, ɛmplɔɪ'i:/ [n C] someone who has a job, especially a permanent job, with a particular company or organization: *We are a multinational corporation with 140,000 employees worldwide.* | + **of** *Employees of American Airlines get generous reductions on the cost of flights.*

**member of staff/staff member** /,membə əv 'stɑ:f, 'stɑ:f, membə-'stæf/ [n phrase] someone who is employed by a company, organization, school etc, along with other people: *Training opportunities are available to all members of staff.* | *At certain stages of a project, most staff members are expected to work additional hours when needed.* | *Mr Vickers has been with the firm for forty years, and is their longest-serving member of staff.* | **senior/junior member of staff** *All employees have a formal annual interview with the senior member of staff responsible for their work.*

### 4 all the people who work in a company, organization, or country

- ▶ staff
- ▶ workforce
- ▶ labour
- ▶ personnel
- ▶ manpower

**staff** /stɑ:f|stæf/ [n C/U with singular or plural verb in British English] all the people who work in a company, organization, school etc: *The staff were clearly worried about rumours of job losses.* | **library/office/hospital/security etc staff** *Our library staff will be happy to help if you are unable to find the book you want.* | *Ford is looking for part-time sales staff.* | **join the staff** *In 1998, she joined the President's personal staff in the White House.*

**workforce** /'wɜ:kfɔ:rs/ [n C usually singular] all the people that work in a country, industry, or large organization: *Women make up 41% of the workforce.* | *Cook began his cost-cutting campaign by getting rid of a third of his workforce.*

**labour** British /**labor** American /'leɪbər/ [n U] all the people that work in an industry or country, especially people whose jobs involve working with their

hands, in factories etc rather than managing other people: *Large-scale growth in this type of farming is limited by the climate and the high cost of labour.* | **skilled/unskilled labour** (=people who have or do not have special skills) *Many industries are reporting a shortage of skilled labor.* | **labour force** (=all the people who work or are available to work in a particular country or organization) *The labour force is growing at a rate of 4% a year.* | **cheap labour** (=people whose wages are very low) *Our produce prices cannot compete with those of Spain, with its cheap labour and sunshine.*

**personnel** /,pɜ:rsə'nel/ [n plural] the people employed by a particular company, organization etc – used in official or business contexts: *In the event of a fire, all personnel must report to the reception area.* | *One of her responsibilities is recruiting highly trained personnel.*

**manpower** /'mæn,pauə/ [n U] all the workers that an employer or a country has available to do work: *The police say they don't have sufficient manpower to patrol the area.* | *At the time there was a major shortage of trained manpower in computer science in the US.* | **manpower levels/resources/shortages etc** *The Commission was set up to look at the management of the manpower resources of the National Health Service.*

### 5 someone that you work with

- ▶ colleague
- ▶ workmate
- ▶ co-worker

**colleague** /'kɒli:g|'kɑ:-/ [n C] someone you work with – use this especially about people who do professional jobs in offices, schools, government etc: *I'd like you to meet a colleague of mine, Jean-Michel Blanc from our Paris office.* | *Jenny is a conscientious manager, very popular with her colleagues.*

**workmate** /'wɜ:kmeɪt/ [n C] someone you work with, especially someone who works closely with you and who you are friendly with: *Having the support of close family, friends and workmates is important to us all.* | *Kevin had come home really upset after a quarrel with a workmate.*

**co-worker** /'kəʊ ,wɜ:kə/ [n C] especially American someone you work with, especially someone who works closely with you or does a similar job: *Wantz's job is to teach employees how to handle difficult bosses and co-workers.* | *The manual explains what to do if a co-worker is injured and in need of medical attention.*

### 6 when there are not enough people working in a company etc

- ▶ be understaffed
- ▶ be short-staffed

**be understaffed** /bi: ,ʌndə'stɑ:ft|-'stæft/ [v phrase] a company or organization that is **understaffed** does not have enough people working in it because it cannot or will not employ more people: *It's crazy that unemployment is sky-high while so many companies are still understaffed.* | *The few public health clinics that existed were filthy and understaffed.*

**be short-staffed** especially British ALSO **be short-handed** especially American /bi: ,ʃɔ:t 'stɑ:ft|-'stæft, bi: ,ʃɔ:t 'hændɪd/ [v phrase] to not have the number of people you need to do a job properly or on time, especially because some of the people who usually work are ill, on holiday etc: *Schools in inner city areas are often short-staffed because the work is particularly*



stressful. | After three hours, Mrs Morrison was told that her operation had been cancelled because the hospital was short-staffed. | Let me know if you're short-handed – I'll get a couple of the boys to help out.

# work hard

## RELATED WORDS

- ▶ see also **work, work for sb, job, earn, business, company**

## 1 to work hard

- ▶ **work hard**
- ▶ **put a lot of effort into sth**
- ▶ **work at**
- ▶ **be hard at work**
- ▶ **push yourself**
- ▶ **beaver away**
- ▶ **labour**

**work hard** /ˈwɜːrk ˈhɑːrd/ [v phrase] to **work hard** when you are doing your job, your schoolwork, or anything that takes time and effort: *Bruno had been working hard in the kitchen all morning.* | *I wouldn't mind working so hard if they paid us more.*

**put a lot of effort into sth** /ˌput ə lɒt əv ˈefərt ɪntə (sth) ˌlɑːt-/ [v phrase] to work hard because you think something is important and you want to do it well: *Stella had obviously put a lot of effort into her assignment, and got a good grade.* | *The company puts a great deal of effort into training its staff.*

**work at** /ˈwɜːrk æt/ [v T not in passive] to try hard to improve something or to improve the way you do something: *The only way to be successful in athletics is to really work at it.* | *You should be able to take your music exam in the summer, if you work at it between now and then.*

**be hard at work /be hard at it** British /biː ˈhɑːrd æt ˈwɜːrk, biː ˈhɑːrd ˈæt ɪt/ [v phrase] informal to be working very hard and continuously: *Mike's been hard at it all afternoon and he still hasn't finished mending the car.* | **be hard at work on sth** Since January, Leane's been hard at work on a self-help book on how to launch a business. | **be hard at work doing sth** They've been hard at work getting the house decorated.

**push yourself** /ˈpʊʃ jɔːrsɛlf/ [v phrase] to force yourself to work or train very hard at something: *If you really push yourself, you should get all the work done on time.* | **push yourself hard** Warm up your body before you start exercising, and avoid pushing yourself too hard or too fast.

**beaver away** British /**plug away** American /ˌbiːvər əˈweɪ, ˌplʌg əˈweɪ/ [phr v l] informal to work very hard for a long time in a determined way: *American investment bankers are still plugging away, looking for business in developing countries like Thailand, Indonesia, or Malaysia.* | **+ on/at** Haven't you finished? You've been beavering away on that report all morning.

**labour** British /**labor** American /ˈleɪbər/ [v l] formal to work hard, especially doing hard physical work, or doing something difficult or boring: *Sheffield is a city where steel-workers once laboured in their thousands.* | **+ over** Shipman was seated in his office, labouring over his paperwork, when I came in. | **+ to do sth** The goal was just what the team needed, at the end of a game in which they had laboured hard to overcome Chelsea.

## 2 to work extremely hard

- ▶ **slave away**
- ▶ **work your fingers to the bone**
- ▶ **work your butt/ass off**
- ▶ **toil**

**slave away** /ˌsleɪv əˈweɪ/ [phr v l usually in progressive] informal to work very hard at something you do not enjoy and do not want to do: *I've been slaving away all week and I've had enough of it!* | **+ at** Ed had been slaving away at his essay for hours, but it still wasn't finished. | **+ to do sth** The poor man spent ten years of his life slaving away to pay back the money they had borrowed.

**work your fingers to the bone** /wɜːrk jɔːr ˈfɪŋgəz tə ðə ˈbəʊn/ [v phrase] informal to work extremely hard for a long time – use this when you are complaining about how hard you have to work: *In those days we got up at 5 in the morning, and worked our fingers to the bone.* | *His mother had had a hard life – had worked her fingers to the bone bringing up six children.*

**work your butt/ass off** /ˌwɜːrk jɔːr ˈbʌt, ˈæs ɒf/ [v phrase] American spoken to work very hard, especially for a period of time on one particular thing – use these only in situations where you know people well as they are considered impolite by many people: *It hasn't been easy. The truth is I've worked my ass off for everything I've achieved.* | **+ to do sth** Lea worked her butt off to graduate with honors and big scholarships.

**toil** /tɔɪl/ [v l] formal to work hard for a long time, especially doing work that is boring or difficult: *Men, women and children spent long hours toiling in the fields, whatever the weather conditions.* | **+ to do sth** Roger and his wife toiled round the clock for seven years to make a success of their business.

## 3 to work too hard

- ▶ **overworked**
- ▶ **overdo it**
- ▶ **drive/push yourself too hard**
- ▶ **work/drive yourself into the ground**

**overworked** /ˌəʊvərˈwɜːrkt/ [adj] someone who is **overworked** has too much work to do: *Teachers often complain that they are overworked and underpaid.* | *I'd been six months without any holiday, and I was tired and overworked.* — **overwork** [n U] *She had a heart condition caused by heavy smoking and overwork.* (=being overworked)

**overdo it** /ˌəʊvərˈduː ɪt/ [v phrase] informal to work so hard that you become ill: *The doctor told me to relax and not overdo it.* | *The President's advisers are worried that he might have been overdoing it lately.*

**drive/push yourself too hard** /ˌdraɪv, ˌpʊʃ jɔːrsɛlf tuː ˈhɑːrd/ [v phrase] to force yourself to work too hard, especially because you want very much to be successful: *You should slow down. You're pushing yourself too hard.* | *It's no wonder that she had a nervous breakdown – she's been driving herself too hard for months.*

**work/drive yourself into the ground** /ˌwɜːrk, ˌdraɪv jɔːrsɛlf ɪntə ðə ˈgraʊnd/ [v phrase] informal to force yourself to work very hard, so that you become extremely tired or ill: *It's good to work hard. But don't drive yourself into the ground.* | *By the time the great day arrived, I'd worked myself into the ground making sure everything would be just right.*



## 4 someone who works hard

- ▶ hardworking
- ▶ workaholic
- ▶ industrious
- ▶ dedicated
- ▶ committed
- ▶ studious
- ▶ swot

**hardworking** /ˈhɑːrdˈwɜːrkɪŋ/ [adj] Colleagues described him as a quiet, hardworking young man. | She's not our best employee, but at least she's hardworking. | Unfortunately, the school has just lost two of its best and most hardworking teachers.

**workaholic** /ˌwɜːrkəˈhɒlɪk/ [n C] someone who wants to work all the time and who cannot relax when they are not working: Steve's doing a sixty-hour week at the moment – I never realized he could be such a workaholic. | Selling is a career that seems to attract workaholics.

**industrious** /ɪnˈdʌstriəs/ [adj] someone who is industrious works hard and effectively: Most of the students I knew at college were serious and industrious. | The Omanis are industrious people, striving to make their country prosperous.

**dedicated** /ˈdedɪkertɪd/ [adj] someone who is dedicated works very hard at something because they care about it a lot, even though the job is difficult or does not earn them much money: Janie's a wonderful nurse – completely dedicated. | The lifeboat service is run by a team of dedicated volunteers. | + to The group is dedicated to the conservation of the environment. | + to doing sth Worknet has a staff of 28 people, dedicated to assisting the community in their search for employment or training. | dedicated sportsman/gardener etc (=someone who is dedicated to their sport, gardening etc) As a dedicated sportsman, Steven trained every day of the week.

**committed** /kəˈmɪtɪd/ [adj] if a person, organization, or country is committed to a particular job or idea, they really believe in it and want it to succeed, and are willing to work very hard to achieve this + to Edinburgh sees itself as a university of the new millennium, committed to research and teaching. | + to doing sth Tanzania is a country committed to building socialism in the long term. | highly committed The company looks for highly committed people, who are willing to study for further professional qualifications in their own time.

**studious** /ˈstjuːdiəs/ [adj] someone who is studious likes to spend their time reading and studying in order to be more successful at school, college etc: Francis didn't bother with clothes or make-up. She was an extremely serious and studious young girl. | Angus's round glasses made him look studious.

**swot** British /grind American /swɒt/swaɪt, graɪnd/ [n C] informal someone who spends too much time studying: Everyone else in the class hated him because they thought he was a real swot.

## 5 someone who does the hardest or most boring work

- ▶ drudge
- ▶ dogsbody

**drudge** /drʌdʒ/ [n C] someone who works hard at something that is difficult and boring, especially for people who do not realize or care that the work is difficult and boring: The work I was given was the same, day after day; I felt like a drudge. | a household drudge (=someone who stays at home doing nothing except boring tasks around the house) One of the women said that since having four children, she felt she'd been reduced to a household drudge.

**dogsbody** British /peon American /ˈdɒgz,bɒdi/ [n C] informal a person who does the boring or unimportant jobs that no one else wants to do: You have to be prepared to be a peon when you start – sweeping floors, delivering, that kind of thing. | a general dogsbody I got myself a job as a typist and general dogsbody on a small magazine.

## 6 to make people work hard

- ▶ work sb hard
- ▶ slave driver

**work sb hard** /ˌwɜːrk (sb) ˈhɑːrd/ [v phrase] to make someone work hard, especially unreasonably hard: Sometimes I think that they work us too hard in this office. | The bank's managers admit that they work their employees hard, but on the other hand they pay good wages.

**slave driver** /ˈsleɪv ˈdraɪvər/ [n C] informal someone who makes people work too hard: She's a real slave driver. One of her secretaries had a nervous breakdown last year.

## 7 what you say to tell someone to work harder

- ▶ put some effort into it
- ▶ pull/get your finger out

**put some effort into it** ALSO **put your back into it** British /put some muscle into it American /ˌput səm ˈefərt ɪntu ɪt, ˌput jɔːr ˈbæk ɪntu ɪt, ˌput səm ˈmʌsəl ɪntu ɪt/ [v phrase] use this to tell someone to work harder at what they are doing: You'll have to put your back into it – I want to see all these boxes moved by tonight. | Come on you guys, let's see you put some muscle into it!

**pull/get your finger out** /ˌpʊl, ˌget jɔːr ˈfɪŋgər aʊt/ [v phrase] British informal say this to tell someone to do something faster or work harder: You could easily finish your essay if you just sit down and pull your finger out!

## 8 to not work hard enough

- ▶ not pull your weight
- ▶ skive
- ▶ goof off
- ▶ not do a stroke of work
- ▶ slack
- ▶ malingering

**not pull your weight** /nɒt ˌpʊl jɔːr ˈweɪt/ [v phrase] to not do as much work as other people, when you are working in a group or team: If you think that Alan isn't pulling his weight, you must tell him either to improve or leave. | Of all the people sharing the house with us, only Lizzie didn't pull her weight.

**skive** /skaɪv/ [v I] British informal to not do the work that you should be doing, or to be away from your place of work without a good reason: She says she's been ill for the past week, but I think she's just skiving. | **skive off** (=not be at your place of work) Harry's going to get into trouble if he keeps skiving off on Friday afternoons. — **skiver** [n C] Everyone knew that Ned was the biggest skiver in the class.

**goof off** /ˌguːf ˈɒf/ [phr v I] American informal to not work when you are supposed to be working: Hey you two! Quit goofing off and do some work! | **goof off on the job** Anyone who does consistently good work doesn't need to worry about occasionally goofing off on the job.

**not do a stroke of work** /nɒt duː ə ˈstrəʊk əv ˈwɜːrk/ [v phrase] British informal to do no work at all: The



telephone's been ringing and I haven't managed to do a stroke of work yet today. | Duncan found a wealthy woman, married her, and he's never done a stroke of work since!

**slack** /slæk/ [v I usually in progressive] British informal to deliberately do less work than you should: *She called me into her office and accused me of slacking and taking too many holidays!* | **no slacking** (=use this to tell someone to work as hard as possible) *'You start tomorrow at nine,' he told them, 'and no slacking, or there'll be trouble.'*

**malingering** /mə'liŋgər/ [v I usually in progressive] formal to avoid going to work by pretending to be ill: *I'm sure he's not malingering. He looked awful when I saw him last night.* | *The report claimed that women may be more likely to malingering than men.* — **malingering** [n U] *There've been so many cases of malingering that now you need a doctor's note if you're absent.*

## working

when a machine/system etc works properly

### RELATED WORDS

opposite: ————— **broken/not broken**

▶ to have a job see **job** (4)

▶ see also **repair**

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| ▶ <b>work</b>                | ▶ <b>be up and running</b> |
| ▶ <b>be in working order</b> | ▶ <b>operational</b>       |
| ▶ <b>go</b>                  | ▶ <b>on-stream</b>         |

**work** /wɜːrk/ [v I] if a machine or piece of equipment **works** or **is working**, it can be used without any problems because there is nothing wrong with it: *Does the old tape recorder still work?* | *We had to go to the laundromat because the washing-machine wasn't working.* | **work fine/be working fine** *We tested the cable and it seems to be working fine.* | **work well/be working well** *The new computers seem to work perfectly well, despite everyone's worries.*

**be in working order** /biː ɪn ˈwɜːrkiŋ ˈɔːrdər/ [v phrase] if something **is in working order**, it is working well and safely, especially because it has been well-cared for: *The mill was built in the 16th century and is still in working order.* | **be in good/perfect/top working order** *The guns were all clean and in good working order.* | *As far as he could tell the engine was in perfect working order.*

**go** British spoken /**run** American spoken /gəʊ, rʌn/ [v I] to be working properly – use this especially about a car, clock, or watch: *I dropped my watch, but it's still going.* | *I don't mind what kind of car we rent as long as it runs.*

**be up and running** /biː ˌʌp ən ˈrʌniŋ/ [v phrase] to be working well and without any problems – use this about computers or systems: *As soon as the new computer system is up and running, we can transfer our records onto it.* | *The new hiring process should be up and running by the end of the year.*

**operational** /ˌɒpə'reɪʃənəl ˌɔː-/ [adj] a place, system, or large piece of machinery that is **operational** is working and ready to be used at any time: *At least eight countries are known to have operational nuclear weapons.* | **fully operational** *The terminal is fully operational and airlines will begin using it next week.*

**on-stream** especially British ALSO **on-line** American /ˌɒn ˈstriːm ˌɒn ˈlaɪn/ [adj not before noun] a new system or large piece of machinery that is **on-stream** or **on-line**, is ready to be used – used especially in busi-

ness: *All the oil refineries in the region are now back on-stream.* | **come on-stream/on-line** *Another nuclear reactor is scheduled to come on-line in January.* | **bring sth on-stream/on-line** *With so much money in grants, we need to start thinking now about the projects we want to bring on-stream.*

## world

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ an area of the world see **area**
- ▶ see also **country, everywhere**

### 1 the world

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| ▶ <b>the world</b>   | ▶ <b>the planet</b> |
| ▶ <b>earth/Earth</b> | ▶ <b>the globe</b>  |

**the world** /ðə ˈwɜːrld/ [n singular] the planet we live on, and all the places on it: *In some parts of the world, clean drinking water is very scarce.* | **all over the world** *You can buy Coca-Cola all over the world.* | **around the world** (=in every part of the world) *Scientists around the world have been conducting similar experiments.* | *The ceremony was seen on television around the world.* | **the whole world** (=everyone and everything in the world) *For South Africa, and indeed for the whole world, 1990 was a year of great change.* | *The two countries are trying to work out a peace deal with the whole world watching.* | **the best, fastest etc in the world/the world's best, fastest etc** *It's the world's tallest building.* | *At age 116, she was believed to be one of the oldest people in the world.*

**earth/Earth** /ɜːrθ/ [n singular/U] use this especially when you are comparing our world with the moon, stars, and other places in space: *Light from the stars can take millions of years to reach Earth.* | **the earth/the Earth** *The earth revolves around the sun.* | *Water is one of the Earth's most important resources.* | **the largest/oldest/poorest sth on earth** *Vietnam is among the poorest nations on Earth.* | *The blue whale is the largest animal on Earth.* | **to earth** *The space shuttle returned safely to earth on December 9th.*

**the planet** /ðə ˈplænɪt/ [n singular] use this especially when you are talking about problems that affect the environment: *The massive volcanic eruption could affect the climate of the whole planet.* | *Energy conservation is vital for the future of the planet.* | *Ozone shields the planet from the effects of the sun's ultraviolet radiation.*

**the globe** /ðə ˈgləʊb/ [n singular] use this especially when you want to emphasize the great distances or areas involved in something that happens or exists in the world: *Water covers over half of the globe.* | *Using satellites, television pictures can be seen on the other side of the globe almost instantly.* | **all over the globe** (=everywhere in the world) *This garden has exotic plants from all over the globe.*

### 2 things that affect or happen everywhere in the world

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| ▶ <b>world</b>  | ▶ <b>worldwide</b>     |
| ▶ <b>global</b> | ▶ <b>globalization</b> |

**world** /wɜːrld/ [adj only before noun] use this to talk about something that exists everywhere in the world, affects the whole world, or is the best or most important in the world: *The top 50 multi-*



*national companies control about 80% of world trade. | At that time Britain was a major world power. | Islam is one of the great world religions. | world champion/record/expert (=the best in the world) The ice skating show features twelve Olympic and world champions. | Jones is a world expert in genetics.*

**global** /'gləʊbəl/ [adj only before noun] affecting the whole world – use this especially to talk about political or economic situations: *Campaigners have called for a global ban on landmines. | Multinational companies create, in effect, a global economy. | global warming (=a global increase in temperature) Scientists at an international conference have been discussing global warming and its possible effects.*

**worldwide** /wɜː'ld'waɪd/ [adj only before noun] existing or happening in every country of the world: *There is a worldwide shortage of oil. | The concert attracted a worldwide television audience of over a billion people. — worldwide [adv] Sea levels are expected to rise worldwide by 2100.*

**globalization** ALSO **globalisation** British /gləʊ'bælə'zeɪʃən-lə-/ [n U] when companies from one country operate in and affect countries all over the world, for example by selling their goods there, having factories there, employing people there etc: *Some see the spread of English as an international language as just another consequence of globalization. | Globalization often means that poorer countries become too dependent on foreign investment, with the result that their own development suffers. | There were widespread anti-globalization demonstrations at the World Environmental summit yesterday, leading to the arrest of dozens of protestors.*

# worried/ worrying

## RELATED WORDS

▶ see also **nervous, frightened/frightening, problem, relax/relaxed**

## 1 feeling worried

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| ▶ worried      | ▶ uneasy       |
| ▶ anxious      | ▶ dismayed     |
| ▶ nervous      | ▶ not like the |
| ▶ concerned    | look/sound of  |
| ▶ apprehensive |                |

**worried** /'wʌrɪd/'wɜːrɪd/ [adj] not feeling happy or relaxed, because you keep thinking about a problem or about something bad that might happen: *Dave could see how worried she was, and he tried to reassure her. | look worried You look worried – what's the matter? | + about Marion was worried about losing her job. | We're very worried about Grandma. | I'm not really worried about how much it will cost. | + (that) She rushed to the station, worried that she might miss her train. | I was worried if I washed it, it might shrink. | get worried I'm getting worried because my account still hasn't registered a check I deposited a while ago. | a worried look/frown/glance etc She had such a worried look on her face! | Helen looked at me with a worried expression.*

**anxious** /'æŋkʃəs/ [adj] especially written very worried because you think that something bad has happened or may happen, and you feel that you have no

control over the situation: *Anxious relatives waited at the airport for news of the plane crash. | feel/sound anxious She knew it was a simple operation, but she still felt anxious. | + about Helen is always anxious about travelling alone. | When you become anxious about sleeplessness, you actually make the problem worse. | an anxious face/voice/ expression etc 'Please come with me,' she said in an anxious voice. | Mae cast an anxious look in his direction. — anxiously [adv] 'Is he going to be all right?' she asked anxiously.*

**nervous** /'nɜːrvəs/ [adj] worried and slightly frightened about something that is going to happen or something new or difficult that you have to do: *I'm always nervous before exams. | get nervous Mum gets nervous if we don't call to say we're late. | look/feel/sound nervous Bill looked nervous, and I could see that his hands were shaking. | Harry began to feel nervous again as the plane made its descent. | make sb (feel) nervous The sounds outside were making me feel nervous. | Stop tapping your feet! You're making me nervous. | + about Kelly was so nervous about her interview that she couldn't sleep. — nervously [adv] Nervously, she twisted her handkerchief in her fingers. | Carrie peeped out nervously.*

**concerned** /kən'sɜːrnd/ [adj] worried about someone else's problems, health, safety etc: *A TV programme about cruelty to children brought hundreds of letters from concerned viewers. | + about I'm very concerned about Veronica. She looks so pale, and she has no appetite. | World governments are becoming increasingly concerned about rising global temperature levels. | + for Rescuers are concerned for the safety of two men trapped in the mine.*

**apprehensive** /æprɪ'hensɪv/ [adj] formal worried and a little frightened about something that you are going to do or about the future, because you are not sure what it will be like: *Dr Gottlieb reassures apprehensive patients that the operation is a simple procedure. | + about I must admit that before my baby was born I was very apprehensive about motherhood. | No one need be apprehensive about their personal safety; everything is under control. — apprehensively [adv] She looked at her father apprehensively, frightened of what his reaction would be.*

**uneasy** /ʌn'iːzi/ [adj] worried and not happy with a situation, because you feel there may be something wrong and you are not sure what is going to happen: *make sb uneasy When I answered the telephone, no one was there, which made me uneasy. | feel uneasy After a while she started to feel uneasy, and then scared. | + about Roger was a bit uneasy about the plan, but he agreed. | 75 percent of consumers said they were uneasy about using their credit cards over the Internet. | distinctly uneasy (=very uneasy) I was distinctly uneasy in his company, but I couldn't explain why. | have the/an uneasy feeling She had the uneasy feeling that he wasn't going to come back. — uneasily [adv] Deborah shifted uneasily in her seat.*

**dismayed** /dɪs'meɪd/ [adj not usually before noun] very worried, disappointed, and upset by something that has happened: *Hardeep's lawyer said his client was 'shocked and dismayed' after hearing the court's decision. | + at/by American historians are dismayed at the condition of the texts stored in the library. | dismayed to see/hear etc We were dismayed to discover that our daughter Louise had started experimenting with heroin. | + that Danby was dismayed that Watt had opposed him in the vote. | Many of the nurses are dismayed that the management intends to make further service reductions.*



**not like the look/sound of** /nɒt laɪk ðə 'lʊk, 'saʊnd ɒv/ [v phrase not in progressive] informal if you **do not like the look or sound of** something, it makes you feel worried and unhappy because it seems threatening or dangerous: *I don't like the look of that rash on your chest.* | *The captain's face darkened as he listened.* | *'I don't like the sound of this,' he said.* | *Don't let anyone into your home that you don't like the look of.*

## 2 to make someone feel worried

- ▶ worry
- ▶ trouble
- ▶ concern
- ▶ bother
- ▶ cause concern/be a cause for concern
- ▶ prey on your mind

**worry** /'wʌrɪ'wɜːrɪ/ [v T] *The changes in the Earth's climate began to worry some scientists.* | *'Why didn't you tell me?' 'I didn't want to worry you.'* | **it worries sb that** *Doesn't it worry you that Stephen spends so much time away from home?* | **what worries sb is** *What worries me is the difference in age between Rosie and her boyfriend.* | *One thing that worried me was that information had been leaked to the press.*

**trouble** /'trʌbəl/ [v T] if a problem **troubles** you, it makes you feel worried because you do not know what to do about it: *You must talk to your daughter and find out what's troubling her.* | *The incident troubled me – it wasn't like Sarah to be so secretive.* | **be troubled by sth** *She is troubled by the fact that her son already shows signs of inheriting his father's mental problems.* — **troubled** [adj] *Kemp looked troubled.* | *'I'm not sure what's wrong,' he said.* | *He caught her troubled expression, and put an arm around her shoulders.*

**concern** /kən'sɜːn/ [v T not in passive] if someone else's problems, health, safety etc **concern** you, you worry about them because you think they are important, even when they may not affect you personally: *Kate's behaviour at school is starting to concern her parents.* | **it concerns sb that** *It concerns me that some tutors are meeting with students outside college hours.* | **what concerns sb is** *What concerns me most is that despite pay increases, production has not improved.*

**bother** /'bɒðər'baː-/ [v T] if something **bothers** you, it slightly worries you – use this especially about problems that do not seem serious: *The only thing that bothers me is how I'm going to get from the station to the farm.* | *You shouldn't let little things like that bother you.* | **what bothers sb is** *What bothers me is that you didn't feel you could talk to me or your father about it.*

**cause concern/be a cause for concern** ALSO **give sb cause for concern** /,kɔːz kən'sɜːn, biː ,kɔːz fər kən'sɜːn, gɪv (sb) ,kɔːz fər kən'sɜːn/ [v phrase] if something that is happening **causes concern** or **is a cause for concern**, it makes someone, especially someone in an official position, feel worried, because it is unsatisfactory or possibly dangerous – used especially in official situations: *We have to inform you that your son's behaviour has been causing concern for some time now.* | *Two dozen cases of water poisoning in the space of a week certainly is a cause for concern, and we shall be taking action.* | *The Secretary General said that the recent developments are giving him cause for concern.* | **cause sb concern** *Your husband has almost recovered – the only thing that's still causing us concern is his high blood pressure.* | **cause concern among** *The decision has caused concern among human rights groups.*

**prey on your mind** /,preɪ ɒn jɔːr 'maɪnd/ [v phrase]

if a problem or something bad that has happened **preys on your mind**, it worries you continuously even though you do not want to think about it: *It was starting to prey on my mind so much that I went to the hospital.* | *The old woman's warning preyed on Mary's mind as she continued her journey.*

## 3 to feel worried about something

- ▶ worry
- ▶ fret
- ▶ brood
- ▶ be worried sick
- ▶ frantic
- ▶ be at your wits' end
- ▶ have qualms

**worry** /'wʌrɪ'wɜːrɪ/ [v I] *My husband worries when I'm late home from work.* | *Don't worry, there's plenty of time.* | *Mom, stop worrying. I'll be fine.* | **+** **(that)** *He began to worry he might lose his job.* | *I was worried that Shannon was too small, but the doctor says she's fine.* | **+** **about** *I was really worried about it at the time.* | *I don't know what you're worrying about.*

**fret** /fret/ [v I] to worry a lot about something, especially something that is not very serious: *She worries and frets all the time – I think it's because she's got no one to talk to about her problems.* | **+** **about/over** *I'd sit in meetings, fretting about what was happening at home.* | *There's no point in fretting over it now.* | **+** **that** *Opponents fret that the system might not provide enough help in times of rural economic crisis.*

**brood** /bruːd/ [v I] to keep thinking about and worrying about a problem for a long time after it has happened: *There's no point in brooding – forget about her.* | *Dad alternately brooded and raged, and Mum wasn't much better.* | **+** **about/over/on** *Don't sit at home brooding about how badly you've been treated.* | *Achilles sits in his tent, brooding over the wrongs done to him.*

**be worried sick** /biː ,wʌrɪd 'sɪk-, wɜːr-/ [v phrase] to be very worried and upset about something: *Where were you last night? I was worried sick.* | **+** **about** *She's worried sick about the possibility of losing her job.* | *I'm worried sick about Sandy.* | *I haven't heard from her for days.* | **worry yourself sick** *Jenny had worried herself sick trying to think of a way to pay back the money.*

**frantic** /'fræntɪk/ [adj] extremely worried and frightened about a situation and unable to think or behave calmly: *Inspector Grimes was used to dealing with frantic parents.* | **get/grow/become frantic** *The knocking on the door and shouts became frantic.* | *There is still no news of the missing child and her parents are getting frantic.* | *The dog's barking grew frantic as I approached.* | **frantic with worry/fear** *Her eyes were frantic with fear, and she couldn't keep still.* — **frantically** [adv] *She hung on frantically, terrified by the steep drop below.*

**be at your wits' end** /biː ət jɔːr 'wɪts 'end/ [v phrase] to be very worried about a problem, especially something that has been happening for a long time that you feel you cannot deal with any longer: *I don't know what I can do to keep our marriage together – I'm at my wits' end!* | *It was two days before the baby was due, and Robert was at his wits' end.*

**have qualms** /hæv 'kwɑːmz/ [v phrase] to be worried that something you are going to do might be morally wrong: *Few so-called animal lovers have qualms when they purchase meat from supermarkets.* | *Despite my qualms, I accepted the job.* | **+** **about** *Shareholders seem to have few qualms about companies sponsoring overseas abortion programs.*



## 4 to feel worried all the time

- ▶ have a lot on your mind
- ▶ stressed out
- ▶ be under stress/be under (a) strain
- ▶ preoccupied
- ▶ paranoid

**have a lot on your mind** /hæv ə ,lɒt ɒn jɔːr 'maɪnd/ - ,lɑːt-/ [v phrase] to have a lot of problems to worry about, especially when this means that you do not concentrate on other things: *Since the divorce, Linda's had a lot on her mind.* | *I'm sorry I wasn't paying attention, I have a lot on my mind at the moment.*

**be under stress/be under (a) strain** /biː ,ʌndər 'stres, biː ,ʌndər (ə) 'streɪn/ [v phrase] to have a lot of work to do or have a lot of problems to deal with, so that you feel worried and tired or get upset easily: *Although I was under a strain, and drinking a lot at the time, I remember very clearly what happened.* | *This investigation has placed her under additional stress.* | **be under a lot of stress/strain** *Mr Payne, have you been under a lot of stress recently?*

**stressed out** /,strest 'aʊt/ [adj] informal so worried and tired from problems you have to deal with continuously that you cannot relax: *By the end of the tour, the band was totally stressed out.* | *One of my adult students was a stressed-out working mother.* | **feel stressed out** *I'm trying to have a few early nights because I'm feeling stressed out at the moment.*

**preoccupied** /priː'ɒkjʊpaɪd/-'ɑːk-/ [adj] worrying so much about a particular problem that you cannot think about anything else: *I admit I'm preoccupied and snappy at the moment – I'm sorry.* | *Alison had entered the room, but he was too preoccupied to notice.* | **look/seem preoccupied** *She seemed preoccupied and kept glancing toward the window.* | **pre-occupied look/expression etc** *Prajapat glanced up with a preoccupied smile, then went back to the map.* | **+ with** *He was far too preoccupied with his own marital difficulties to give any thought to his friend's problems.*

**paranoid** /'pærənɔɪd/ [adj] someone who is **paranoid** is worried all the time that people do not like them, that bad things are going to happen to them etc, when this is not true: *I was so paranoid at one point, that I was refusing to answer the door.* | **feel paranoid** *The mysterious phone calls were beginning to make him feel paranoid.* | **+ about** *By 1982, he was so paranoid about his health that he wore plastic gloves at all times.* — **paranoia** /,pærə'nɔɪə/ [n U] the feeling or medical condition of being paranoid: *Just forget it – it's pure paranoia.* | *the paranoia of the Nixon years* | **sb's paranoia** *His words only added to her fear and paranoia.*

## 5 making you feel worried

- ▶ worrying
- ▶ stressful
- ▶ anxious
- ▶ alarming
- ▶ tense
- ▶ niggling
- ▶ alarmist

**worrying** ALSO **worrisome** American /'wʌrɪ-ɪŋ/ 'wɜːrɪ-, 'wʌrɪsəm/-'wɜːrɪ-/ [adj] *The possibility that I might lose my job is very worrying.* | *It must have been a worrying time for you.* | **it's worrying that/when etc** *It's always a little worrisome when a company is praised for making a smaller loss than expected.* | *a worrying upsurge in violence*

**stressful** /'stresfəl/ [adj] a **stressful** job or situation makes you feel worried and tired all the time, for

example because you have too many problems or too much work to do: *Looking after small children can be very stressful.* | *What's the most stressful aspect of your job?* | *It was a stressful time for the whole family.*

**anxious** /'æŋkʃəs/ [adj only before noun] **anxious time/wait/hours etc** a time during which you feel worried and nervous, because the situation is dangerous and you do not know what is going to happen: *For one anxious moment, I thought the rope was going to break.* | *After an anxious wait, Audrey was told her father had died.* | *In the anxious days that followed, Henry tried to keep his mind off his results.*

**alarming** /ə'laɪrɪŋ/ [adj] changing or increasing in a way that is worrying and frightening: *Even more alarming is the increase in child porn sites on the Internet.* | *an alarming rise in crime* | **it's alarming that/when etc** *It's alarming to think how many people are at risk.* | **alarming rate/number** *The epidemic is spreading at an alarming rate.* | *There are no easy answers to the alarming number of mass killings taking place in our cities.* | **in alarming numbers** *The young girls she treats in alarming numbers are the victims of broken homes and parental neglect.* | **at an alarming rate** *Agricultural open space is disappearing at an alarming rate.* | **with alarming frequency/regularity** *Baggage seems to go missing with alarming frequency on these flights.* — **alarmingly** [adv] *Infant mortality among the population is alarmingly high.*

**tense** /tens/ [adj] a situation or time that is **tense** makes you feel worried and nervous that something bad might happen at any time: *The atmosphere in the waiting room was extremely tense.* | *In the program, the hostages re-live the tense days they spent under guard in East Africa.* | *In the tense silence that followed, the boys fidgeted uneasily.* | **tense face/expression etc** *Her tone was anxious now, her face tense.*

**niggling** /'nɪɡəlɪŋ/ [adj only before noun] **niggling feeling/worry/doubt etc** something that continues to worry you, even though you do not really want to think about it: *The suspect seemed to have proved his innocence, but a niggling doubt remained in my mind.* | *I couldn't shake off a niggling worry. Had I forgotten to lock the office door?*

**alarmist** /ə'laɪrɪzmɪst/ [adj] making people worried about dangers that do not really exist: *I do not wish to be alarmist, but the situation in the region is worse than it has been in many months.* | *The ambassador dismissed these views as excessively alarmist.* | *alarmist propaganda*

## 6 something that makes you feel worried

- ▶ worry
- ▶ concern
- ▶ stresses and strains
- ▶ hang-up
- ▶ cares

**worry** /'wʌrɪ/-'wɜːrɪ/ [n C] *It's important that children can discuss their worries with their parents.* | *His remarks reflect a widespread worry that Canada may be going the same way as the US.* | **+ about/over** *Worries about the tire company's performance sent its shares tumbling.* | *The launch was delayed because of worries over protestors.* | **greatest/biggest/main etc worry** *Roosevelt's chief worry at the time was that an attack on Britain would put the US at a strategic disadvantage.*

**concern** /kən'sɜːrɪn/ [n C] a situation that makes you feel worried, especially a problem that affects a lot



of people, but that may not affect you personally: *The hospital's main concern is that doctors are overworked.* | *The survey suggests that rising crime is the top of the average American's concerns.* | **+ about/over** *My only concern about the match is that Price will be fit enough to take part.* | *The committee brushed aside concerns about racism and prejudice in local government.* | **raise concerns** (=cause concerns) *The incident has raised concerns that the government may retaliate.*

**stresses and strains** /ˌstresɪz ən 'streɪnz/ [n phrase] all the things in a job or situation that make you feel worried and tired, especially when your work or life is very difficult: *Despite many stresses and strains, the team has held together, and I'm proud of that.* | **+ of the stresses and strains of modern living** | *Do some gentle exercises to relieve the stresses and strains of your day.*

**hang-up** /'hæŋ ʌp/ [n C] informal if you have a **hang-up** about something, for example your appearance, or your relationships with other people, you feel worried and embarrassed about it, and this makes you feel less confident: *I want the children to understand sex and grow up without any hang-ups.* | **have a hang-up about** *Sarah has a hang-up about her nose – she thinks it's too big.* | *They're just ordinary people with all the usual hang-ups about love.*

**cares** /keə'z/ [n plural] written problems or responsibilities in your life that make you worry: *She was not really ready for the cares and responsibilities of running a family.* | *'Forget all your cares and worries', as the song goes.*

## 7 the feeling of being worried

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| ▶ worry   | ▶ anxiety |
| ▶ stress  | ▶ strain  |
| ▶ concern | ▶ angst   |

**worry** /'wʌrɪ'wɜːri/ [n U] *The meningitis outbreak is a major cause of worry at the moment.* | *The rage and disappointment had disappeared, but the worry in Jim's face was starting to show.* | **+ over/about** *This constant worry about your debts isn't doing you any good at all.* | **be sick with worry** *The poor mother was sick with worry over her missing daughter.*

**stress** /stres/ [n C/U] the feeling of being worried all the time, for example about work or personal problems, which can make you ill or very tired: *Her financial problems were causing her a lot of stress.* | *methods for reducing stress* | *Air travelers can enjoy stress-free trips if they follow a few guidelines.* | **+ of** *The city's many parks offer a comforting relief from the stress of modern life.* | **mental/emotional/psychological stress** *Geoff is having trouble dealing with the emotional stress of his recent divorce.* | **stress-related illnesses/disorders/conditions etc** (=illnesses, conditions etc caused by stress) *His wife has also suffered stress-related health problems.* | **be under stress** (=be feeling stress) *She had been under a lot of stress just before the baby was born.* | *Workers are under such stress right now, and they have less time to spend relaxing with their families.*

**concern** /kən'sɜːn/ [n U] a worried feeling – use this especially when many people are worried about a problem that affects everyone: *The shortage of water is beginning to cause widespread concern.* | **+ about/over** *There is also some concern about the safety of the structure.* | **express/voice concern** *I did voice my concern about the financial management, but was told to stay quiet.* | **deep/grave concern** *This is a matter of grave concern to the hospital management.*

**anxiety** /æŋ'zaɪəti/ [n U] the feeling of being worried because you think that something bad has happened or will happen, and you feel that you have no control over the situation: *I knew I had to give a speech, but the thought filled me with anxiety.* | *feelings of guilt and anxiety* | *The increase in the tax on heating fuel is causing a lot of anxiety among elderly people.* | **+ about** *Her anxiety about the pain of childbirth is understandable.*

**strain** /streɪn/ [n C/U] a feeling of being worried that is caused by having to continuously deal with a difficult problem or having to work very hard for a long period of time: *The strain of managing such a huge company became too much for Anita.* | *He could see the strain in her face as she told him what she was going through.* | **be a strain on** *The legal fight has been an enormous strain on my wife.* | **put (a) strain on sth** *The company wanted 110% commitment, and that put a strain on our marriage.* | **be under strain** *She had a busy week, and she's under a lot of strain at the moment.*

**angst** /æŋst/ [n U] a strong feeling of worry and anxiety, especially about things that you cannot change: *Wallowing in angst about the unfairness of it all will just make the problem worse.* | *a period of national angst* | *a touching story of teenage angst*

## 8 someone who worries a lot

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| ▶ worrier   | ▶ neurotic |
| ▶ worrywart |            |

**worrier** /'wʌrɪə'wɜː-/ [n C] the type of person who worries a lot, even when they do not need to: *He admitted to the doctor that he was a worrier and found it hard to relax.* | *My grandmother was always a worrier, and I take after her.*

**worrywart** /'wʌrɪwɔːrt'wɜː-/ [n C] American informal someone who worries too much: *Don't be such a worrywart!* | *The cast also included Norman Fell as the worrywart producer.*

**neurotic** /njʊ'rɒtɪk'nʊ'rɑː-/ [adj] always very worried and nervous about unimportant things or about dangers that do not really exist: *He was a shy, neurotic man who found it difficult to make friends.* | *In many respects, Mozart had a typically neurotic personality.* — **neurotic** [n C] *She is a complete neurotic – I don't think I've ever seen her sit down and relax.*

## 9 not worried

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| ▶ not worried/concerned     | ▶ have no qualms   |
| ▶ relieved                  | ▶ carefree   |
| ▶ be a weight off sb's mind | ▶ without a care in the world/not have a care in the world |
| ▶ relief                    | ▶ laugh off  |
| ▶ not lose sleep over       |  |

**not worried/concerned** ALSO **unconcerned** formal /nɒt 'wʌrɪd, kən'sɜːrɪnd'-'wɜːrɪd, ʌnkən'sɜːrɪnd/ [adj] *Sam had stayed out late before, so we weren't particularly worried when he didn't return.* | *Brian didn't seem at all concerned when the car broke down.* | **+ about** *He insists that he is not worried about the poor showing his party made in the recent local elections.* | *For once, Karen seemed unconcerned about the possibility of being late for class.* | **not in the least bit worried etc** (=not at all worried) *Even after losing her job, she doesn't seem in the least bit worried.*



**relieved** /rɪ'li:vɪd/ [adj not before noun] feeling relaxed again because you do not need to worry about something that you worried about before: *'Oh,' she said, relieved. 'I'm so glad you're back.'* | **seem/feel/look/appear relieved** *The hostages simply look relieved to be going home.* | **+ that** *I was relieved that John was there to help me explain.* | *The government will be relieved that a crisis has been averted.* | **+ at** *Sahlin appeared relieved at my news.* | **relieved to know/hear/find/learn etc sth** *I'm so relieved to see you!* | *Polly was relieved to learn that her mother's illness was not a serious one.* | *Andrew was relieved to discover that he was not himself under suspicion.*

**be a weight off sb's mind** /bi: ə ,wert ɒf (sb's) 'maɪnd/ [v phrase] spoken if something is a weight off your mind you do not have to worry any more because something has happened to make you feel happier about it **be a great/big/enormous weight off sb's mind** *No doubt the news will be a huge weight off his mind.* | **take a weight off sb's mind** *Now that Peter has passed all his exams, it's taken a great weight off my mind.*

**relief** /rɪ'li:f/ [n singular/U] the pleasant feeling you have when you no longer have to worry about something: *A white envelope lay on the mat. Holmes felt considerable relief.* | **a feeling/sense of relief** *Edwards commented that the convictions give him a feeling of relief that he hopes the victim shares.* | **with relief** *To her own surprise, she began sobbing with relief.* | **to sb's relief** (=making them feel relieved) *To Greg's relief, nobody asked to check his ticket.* | *The rains came this weekend, much to the relief of tomato growers in Florida.* | **breathe/heave a sigh of relief** (=show by your behaviour that you are no longer worried about something) *You could hear the students breathing a collective sigh of relief when the final bell rang.* | **it is a relief to know/hear/see/find etc** *It was such a relief to see Liz looking healthy again.* | *Mary says it's a relief to have someone to talk to at last.* | **come as a relief** *The decision, announced on Thursday, came as a huge relief to the factory's 300 workers.*

**not lose sleep over** /nɒt ,lu:z 'sli:p əʊvər/ [v phrase] to not be worried by a problem because you do not think it is important enough: *I tried my best, and I certainly won't be losing any sleep over the result.* | *It's not that serious. I wouldn't lose sleep over it if I were you.*

**have no qualms** /hæv ,nəʊ 'kwɑ:mz/ [v phrase] if you have no qualms about something, you are not worried about it, especially because you are sure it is the right thing to do **+ about** *One protestor said he would have no qualms about bombing the clinic.* | *He was a man who had no qualms about preaching one thing and practising another in his private life.*

**carefree** /'keəfri:/ [adj] cheerful and not worried about anything, because you do not have any real problems or responsibilities in your life: *I felt carefree for the first time in my life.* | *They both laughed, feeling like two carefree schoolgirls.*

**without a care in the world/not have a care in the world** /wɪðaʊt ə ,keər ɪn ðə 'wɜ:ld, nɒt hæv ə ,keər ɪn ðə wɜ:ld/ [adv] if someone is without a care in the world, they are not worried about anything at all and are happy: *I was just sixteen, young, confident and without a care in the world.* | *He puffed away on his pipe as if he didn't have a care in the world.*

**laugh off** /,lɑ:f 'ɒf/, læf-/ [phr v T] to laugh and refuse to worry or be serious about a problem, when someone is trying to talk to you about it **laugh off sth** *Venables laughed off suggestions that he will be asked to*

*retire.* | *She took praise with delight, and laughed off any criticisms with good humour.* | **laugh it off** *She was genuinely angry, but Luke just tried to laugh it off.*

## 10 to make someone feel less worried

▶ reassure

▶ set/put sb's mind at rest

▶ put sb out of their misery

**reassure** /,ri:ə'sʊər/ [v T] to make someone feel less worried, especially by saying something to comfort them: *I tried to reassure her by saying that the police would arrive soon.* | *'No one can ever take your spirit away from you,' my mother reassured me.* | **+ that** *The company has reassured its workers that there will be no job losses this year.* | *She returned to her motel, reassured by the nurses that her husband would be quite all right.* —**reassuring** [adj] *He stroked her hand and murmured reassuring words.* | *There was something very reassuring about Jacob's voice.* | **find sth reassuring** *I saw a sign reading 'Welcome Visitors', which I found reassuring.*

**set/put sb's mind at rest** ALSO **set/put sb's mind at ease** /,set, ,pʊt (sb's) 'maɪnd ət ,rest, set, ,pʊt (sb's) 'maɪnd ət ,i:z/ [v phrase] to make someone feel less worried, especially by giving them information that shows they do not need to worry: *The doctor set my mind at rest by explaining exactly what effect the drug would have on me.* | *Just to put your mind at ease, we will get a second opinion from a cardiac specialist.*

**put sb out of their misery** /,pʊt (sb) aʊt əv ðeər 'mɪzəri/ [v phrase] informal to tell someone something that they have been waiting anxiously to find out: *Come on Robyn, put me out of my misery. Who won?* | *Eventually, we put him out of his misery and told him he'd passed.*

## 11 what you say to tell someone not to worry

▶ don't worry

▶ it's/everything's all right

▶ nothing to worry about

**don't worry** /,dəʊnt 'wʌri/-'wɜ:ri/ *'Don't worry, there's plenty of food for anyone who wants to come.'* | **+ about** *'Don't worry about me – I'll be fine,' said Billie.* | *Don't worry about it. You can pay me back tomorrow.*

**it's/everything's all right** ALSO **it's/everything's ok** /ɪts, ,evriθɪŋz ɔ:l 'raɪt, ɪts, ,evriθɪŋz əʊ'keɪ/ use this to try to make someone feel better when they are worrying: *It's all right, honey, don't cry.* | *It'll all be over soon, and everything's going to be ok.*

**nothing to worry about** /,nʌθɪŋ tə 'wʌri əbaʊt/-'wɜ:ri-/ use this to tell someone that there is no reason to worry **there's/it's nothing to worry about** *It's just a simple check-up. There's nothing to worry about.* | **sb has nothing to worry about** *You're a bright girl, and you've got nothing to worry about, as long as you finish all your assignments.*



# worse

## RELATED WORDS

opposite: **better**

▶ see also **bad, improve**

## 1 worse

- ▶ **worse**
- ▶ **not as good**
- ▶ **inferior**
- ▶ **not be in the same league/can't compare with**
- ▶ **not be a patch on**

**worse** /wɜːrs/ [adj] more unpleasant, annoying, bad etc, or of a lower standard or quality than someone or something else that is also bad: *I really don't think the situation could be any worse.* | **+ than** *Conditions in the prison were worse than anything I had seen before.* | *Stop it Gary, you're worse than the kids!* | **even/far worse** (=worse than something that is very bad) *Duncan's handwriting is even worse than his sister's.* | *a terrible script and even worse acting* | **a lot worse/much worse** *The traffic is a lot worse after five o'clock.* | *The next morning, the weather was much worse, and the team stayed at base camp.* | **make sth worse** *I tried to fix the computer myself, but that just made it worse.*

**not as good** /,nɒt əz 'gʊd/ [adj phrase] of a lower standard, quality, or level than something else that is good: *I like this town better than Harrisburg, but the schools aren't as good.* | **+ as** *This book is not as good as her last one.* | *The fishing out there isn't as good as it used to be.* | **not nearly as good as/nowhere near as good as** (=use to emphasize that the difference in quality is quite big) *Their latest album isn't nearly as good as their last one.* | *Cheap, plastic-wrapped cheese is nowhere near as good as the real thing.*

**inferior** /ɪn'fɪəriər/ [adj] formal of a lower quality than something else, or less good at doing something than someone else: *Consumers are tired of paying a high price for what is an increasingly inferior service.* | *California oil is a heavier and inferior grade of oil, compared with other crude oils.* | **+ to** *Old Mr Carter was convinced that women doctors were inferior to men.* | **inferior in quality/status/worth etc** *White bread is generally inferior in nutritional value.* | **of inferior quality/materials/status etc** *Their furniture is certainly cheaper, but it's of inferior quality.*

**not be in the same league/can't compare with** /nɒt biː ɪn ðə 'seɪm 'liːg, 'kɑːnt kəm'peər wɪð/,kænt-/ [v phrase] especially spoken use this to emphasize that someone or something is not nearly as good as someone or something else: *How can you compare him to Ivan Lendl? He's not in the same league at all.* | *Vinyl is strong and looks good but it doesn't compare with real leather.* | **not be in the same league as** *It's quite a good movie but not in the same league as 'High Noon' or 'The Magnificent Seven'.*

**not be a patch on** /nɒt biː ə 'pætʃ ɒn/ [v phrase] British informal use this to emphasize that something is not nearly as good as something else, especially something that came before it: *Shop-bought pasta sauces aren't a patch on home-made.* | *This year's charity marathon wasn't a patch on last year's.*

## 2 to become worse

- ▶ **get worse**
- ▶ **deteriorate**
- ▶ **go down/decline**
- ▶ **worsen**
- ▶ **go from bad to worse**
- ▶ **go downhill**
- ▶ **suffer**
- ▶ **slip**
- ▶ **deepen**
- ▶ **degenerate**

**get worse** /,get 'wɜːrs/ [v phrase] *The food here gets worse every day.* | *My eyesight must be getting worse.* | *I don't think things can get much worse!* | **get worse and worse** *The tension in the flat got worse and worse, and Kate thought about moving out.* | *Paul's behaviour seems to get worse and worse.*

**deteriorate** /dɪ'tɪəriəreɪt/ [v I] formal to gradually become worse: *If the dispute drags on, conditions in the city could deteriorate.* | *The US trade position has deteriorated over the past few years.* | **deteriorate rapidly** *Air quality is rapidly deteriorating in our cities.* | **deteriorate to the level/point/stage where...** (=to deteriorate so much that a particular problem is caused) *School buildings have deteriorated to the point where they pose a health threat to both students and teachers.* — **deterioration** /dɪ'tɪəriə'reɪʃən/ [n U] *the further deterioration of relations between the two countries* — **deteriorating** [adj] *our deteriorating road network* | *deteriorating standards of living*

**go down/decline** /,gəʊ 'daʊn, dɪ'klaɪn/ [v I] to become gradually worse – use this especially about the quality or standard of something: *He's been very unhappy and depressed recently, and his work has definitely gone down.* | *The quality of life for pensioners in this country has certainly declined recently.* | **go right down** British *The standard of service has gone right down since the company was privatized.* — **declining** [adj] *Educationalists are worried about what they see as declining standards of literacy.*

**worsen** /'wɜːrsən/ [v I/T] if a bad situation **worsens**, or something **worsens** it, it becomes worse: *The weather worsened during the night.* | *The government's bungling attempts to help have only worsened the refugees' plight.* | *The situation was worsened by Roy's tendency to drink heavily in times of stress.* — **worsening** [adj] *The worsening economic conditions here have destroyed many small businesses.* | *worsening air pollution*

**go from bad to worse** /,gəʊ frəm 'bæd tə 'wɜːrs/ [v phrase] if a situation **goes from bad to worse**, it is already bad and then becomes even worse: *The rail service has gone from bad to worse since it was privatized.* | *Things went from bad to worse, and soon the pair were barely talking to each other.*

**go downhill** /,gəʊ daʊn'hɪl/ [v phrase] to start getting worse, especially after a particular time or event: *Moving in together was a mistake, and things rapidly went downhill.* | *When things started to go downhill, Kyle began looking for another job.* | *I said I didn't like baseball, and the interview went downhill from then on.*

**suffer** /'sʌfər/ [v I] if the quality of something **suffers**, it becomes worse as it begins to be affected by something: *His school work suffered because he was continually worried about his mother.* | *The ferry line denied that safety would suffer if costs were cut.* | *Her husband, a lawyer, suffered professionally for having to leave the office early every night.*

**slip** /slɪp/ [v I] if standards **slip**, they get worse, because people are not trying hard enough to keep the standards high: *Standards have slipped in the past few months, and we have to try and improve our*



performance. | **let things slip** *He used to make sure his apartment was in immaculate condition, but he's let things slip recently.*

**deepen** /'di:pən/ [v I] if a bad situation **deepens**, it gets worse – use this especially about serious political or military problems: *As the crisis deepened, it became clear that the government was losing control.* | *The company's legal and financial problems are deepening.* — **deepening** [adj] *There was an atmosphere of deepening discontent in the country.* | *deepening political and economic troubles*

**degenerate** /dr'dʒenəreɪt/ [v I] formal if a situation **degenerates**, it becomes much worse: *There's no denying that our relationship has degenerated over the years.* | + **into** *Attempts by the UK government to prop up the pound on the exchange markets degenerated into chaos.* | *What should have been a civilised debate degenerated into an unseemly row between the two sides.* | *Don't allow your comments to degenerate into a personal attack on the employee.*

### 3 to make a bad or difficult situation worse

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| ▶ <b>make things worse/make it worse</b> | ▶ <b>aggravate</b>               |
| ▶ <b>to make matters/things worse</b>    | ▶ <b>exacerbate</b>              |
|  | ▶ <b>compound</b>                |
|  | ▶ <b>to add insult to injury</b> |

**make things worse/make it worse** /,meɪk θɪŋz 'wɜ:rs, /meɪk ɪt 'wɜ:rs/ [v phrase] to make a bad or difficult situation even worse, especially when you were trying to improve it: *Don't interfere. You'll only make things worse.* | *Trying not to laugh aloud made it worse, and for a moment or two, they were both helpless with suppressed laughter.* | *Why not try running the anti-virus software? It can't make things any worse, can it?*

**to make matters/things worse** /tə ,meɪk mətə'z, θɪŋz 'wɜ:rs/ [adv] use this to talk about something that makes a bad situation even worse: *To make matters worse, the director's gone on holiday without leaving anyone in charge.* | *To make things worse, Jimmy suddenly announced he'd left his passport at home.*

**aggravate** /'ægrəveɪt/ [v T] to make a bad or difficult situation even worse: *Air pollution may aggravate a child's asthma.* | *Is the pain aggravated by coughing or laughing?* | *Any talk of price rises now will only aggravate an already serious situation.*

**exacerbate** /ɪg'zæsə'reɪt/ [v T] formal to make a bad or difficult situation even worse: *The family's problems were exacerbated when Walter lost his job.* | *Ironically, the government's reassurances may have exacerbated fear about the disease.*

**compound** /kəm'paʊnd/ [v T usually in passive] if something **compounds** a problem, mistake, or difficulty, it adds to the existing problem so that the general situation gets even worse than before: *Strong nationalist sentiment is compounding the deep political problems faced by the President.* | *be compounded by* *John and Val's domestic problems were compounded by stress at work.* | *The effects of the East Coast snows this year were compounded by severe storms in the spring.*

**to add insult to injury** /tə æd ,ɪnsʌlt tə 'ɪndʒəri/ [adv] use that to say that something makes a bad situation worse for someone, by unfairly giving them another problem that relates to or is a result of the original one: *The bank not only refused to refund the*

*money but, to add insult to injury, charged me for the letter telling me so!*

### 4 worst

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| ▶ <b>worst</b>                 | ▶ <b>sth takes the cake</b> |
| ▶ <b>hit/reach rock bottom</b> |                             |

**worst** /wɜ:rst/ [adj only before noun] worse than anything else or worse than at any time before: *In my opinion, that's the worst movie of all time.* | *The doctor said it was one of the worst cases of food poisoning he'd ever seen.* | *UN workers were withdrawn from the western areas, where the worst bloodshed has occurred.* | **by far the worst** (=much worse than any other) *It's by far the worst neighborhood in the whole city.* | *First thing in the morning is by far the worst time to ask Dad a favour.*

**hit/reach rock bottom** /,hɪt, ,rɪtʃ ,rɒk 'bɒtəm//rɑ:k 'bɒtəm/ [v phrase] if a situation **hits** or **reaches rock bottom**, it is worse than it has ever been before, and cannot get any worse than that: *After we lost the contract, morale in the office reached rock bottom.* | *Confidence in the city's police force has hit rock bottom.*

**sth takes the cake** ALSO **sth takes the biscuit** British / (sth) ,teɪks ðə 'keɪk, (sth) ,teɪks ðə 'bɪskɪt/ [v phrase] spoken informal use this to say that something is the worst of its kind – used especially in a humorous way: *I've known some idiots in my time, but you really take the cake.* | *This last little escapade really takes the biscuit, Tom.*

### 5 when someone who is ill becomes worse

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| ▶ <b>get worse</b>   | ▶ <b>relapse</b> |
| ▶ <b>deteriorate</b> |                  |

**get worse** /,get 'wɜ:rs/ [v phrase] if someone who is ill **gets worse** or their condition **gets worse**, they become more seriously ill: *I'm afraid your father is getting worse, and we'll have to keep him in hospital.* | *The chest pains got worse, and the family doctor was called.*

**deteriorate** /dr'tɪəriəreɪt/ [v I] formal if someone's medical condition **deteriorates**, it gets worse: *Nina's hearing had deteriorated considerably since I last saw her.* | *His condition deteriorated rapidly during the night.*

**relapse** /rɪ'læps/ [v I not in progressive] if someone who has a serious illness **relapses**, they get worse when they had previously been getting better: *On vacation at home, he relapsed and had to return to hospital for further tests.* | *Most drug abusers relapse within a year.* — **relapse** [n C usually singular] **have/suffer a relapse** *Grandad had an unexpected relapse and died within a week.* | *These herbal remedies become less effective if the patient suffers a relapse.*

## write

### RELATED WORDS

- ▶ when a piece of writing is short *see* **short** (2)
- ▶ *see also* **read, message, letter, word/phrase/sentence, draw, summarize**



## 1 to write with a pen, pencil, etc

- ▶ write
- ▶ put
- ▶ take notes
- ▶ make a note of something/note down something
- ▶ take down/get down
- ▶ put sth in writing
- ▶ print
- ▶ writing/handwriting
- ▶ scrawl

**write** /raɪt/ [v I/T] to write words or numbers: *By third grade they can all read and write pretty well.* | *At the bottom he wrote: 'with sincere love from your oldest friend'.* | *Over 15 percent of adults have never learned to write.* | *Helga wrote her comments neatly in pencil.* | **+ on/in/at etc** *She quickly wrote the license plate number on her hand.* | *Hang on, let me just get something to write on.* | *Write your name at the top of the page.* | **write down sth** *I wrote down all the things we have to do today.* | **write sth down** *Do you want me to write that down for you?*

**put** /pʊt/ [v T] especially spoken to write something: *I wrote to Marian, but I didn't put anything about Bill being arrested.* | **put sth in/on/at etc** *Put your name at the top of each answer sheet.* | *Just put 'with love from Jason' on the card.*

**take notes** /teɪk 'nəʊts/ [v phrase] to write down short pieces of information about something, especially in order to remind yourself about what someone said or what was happening: *Did you take any notes at the lecture?* | *I read the first three chapters and took some notes.*

**make a note of sth/note down sth** /,meɪk ə 'nəʊt əv (sth), ,nəʊt 'daʊn (sth)/ [v phrase] to write down information as soon as you get it, so that you will be able to use it later: *OK, let me make a note of that before I forget it.* | *Did you make a note of the train times?* | **note down sth** *Taking out a pen, she noted down the phone number.* | **note sth down** *Colin noted everything down in a little black book.*

**take down/get down** /teɪk 'daʊn, ,get 'daʊn/ [phr v T] to write down what someone says, at the same time as they are saying it **take down sth/get down sth** *A group of reporters was following the Senator, trying to get down every word he said.* | *Could I just take down your name and address?* | **take sth down/get sth down** *Do you want me to take all this down?* | *Before he left, Mark got most of what she'd said down on paper.*

**put sth in writing** /pʊt (sth) ɪn 'raɪtɪŋ/ [v phrase] to give someone a written agreement, promise, offer etc in order to show them that you are serious about it: *Following an informal discussion, Chris decided to put her proposals in writing.* | *A deal was made, but apparently nothing was ever put in writing.*

**print** /prɪnt/ [v I/T] to write something using separate letters, in order to make your writing clearer: *Please print your name in block capitals.*

**writing/handwriting** /'raɪtɪŋ, 'hændraɪtɪŋ/ [n U] the way someone writes with a pen, pencil etc: *I can barely read your writing.* | *The children spent hours practising their handwriting.*

**scrawl** /skrɔ:l/ [n U] careless and untidy writing that is difficult to read: *What does it say? I can't read your scrawl!*

## 2 to write something quickly or carelessly

- ▶ jot down
- ▶ scribble
- ▶ scrawl
- ▶ dash off

**jot down** /dʒɒt 'daʊn, dʒaɪt-/ [phr v T] to quickly write down ideas, notes, or facts **jot down sth** *Let me jot down the name of that restaurant.* | **jot sth down** *If anyone has any suggestions, jot them down on a piece of paper and give them to me.*

**scribble** /'skɪrɪbəl/ [v I/T] to write something quickly and untidily: *Andrew scribbled a quick note and handed it to the chairman.* | **scribble sth down** *Sorry, I scribbled her phone number down, and now I can't read my own writing!* | **scribble down sth** *We'll all scribble down some suggestions, and then compare them.* — **scribbled** [adj] *scribbled notes*

**scrawl** /skrɔ:l/ [v T] to write something carelessly and untidily: *Someone had scrawled a strange symbol on the wall above the bed.* | *Three students were excluded for scrawling graffiti on a school wall.*

**dash off** /dæʃ 'ɒf/ [phr v T] to write a letter, note, story etc quickly and without thinking carefully about it **dash off sth** *He was furious when he saw the article, and dashed off a letter to the editor immediately.* | **dash sth off** *The publishers wanted a summary that afternoon, so I dashed it off in an hour or so.*

## 3 to write something on a computer, typewriter etc

- ▶ write
- ▶ type
- ▶ key in
- ▶ enter
- ▶ print
- ▶ print/print out

▶ see also **computers/internet/email**

**write** /raɪt/ [v I/T] to write something using a computer: *Most of our students write their essays on screen.* | *While I was writing, the computer went down and I lost all my work.*

**type** /taɪp/ [v I/T] to write with a computer or a typewriter: *I'm afraid I don't type very fast.* | *Could you type those letters for me?* | **type sth out/up** (=to type something that has been written on paper) *We'll have someone type it out and put it in alphabetical order.* | *I asked Michelle to type up my assignment so I could mail it in today.* | **type in sth** (=type something in a blank space, for example on a form) *Bring up the customer database, and type in the amount on the invoice.* — **typing** [n U] writing with a typewriter or computer: *Marion says she'll do some typing for us.* | *We need a secretary with good typing speeds.* (=who can type fast)

**key in** /ki: 'ɪn/ [phr v T] especially British to write something on a computer, especially something that you are copying **key in sth** *I keyed in my password, but the file still won't open.* | **key sth in** *Find out the name of the file, key it in, and it will appear on the screen*

**enter** /'entər/ [v T] to make words or numbers appear on a computer screen by pressing the keys: *Enter the filename and click 'OK'.* | *She entered Jim's post-code, and watched as a street map appeared on the screen.* | **enter sth in/into** *The patients' medical records are entered into a database.*

**print** /prɪnt/ [v T usually in passive] to produce copies of a book, letter, newspaper etc using a printing machine: *Most of our books are printed abroad.* | *This book was printed on recycled paper.* | *Where did you get your wedding invitations printed?*

**print/print out** /prɪnt, ,prɪnt 'aʊt/ [v I/T] to produce a copy of something you have written on a computer using a special machine connected to it: *My printer prints out at 8 pages per minute.* | *She printed three copies of the letter.*



## 4 to write a letter or message

- ▶ write
- ▶ write off
- ▶ e-mail
- ▶ drop sb a line
- ▶ get in touch with sb
- ▶ contact
- ▶ keep/stay in touch
- ▶ correspond

**write** /raɪt/ [v I/T] to write someone a letter: *Sorry, I haven't had time to write.* | *Keith hasn't written for a while.* | **write a letter/postcard etc to sb** *I try to write a cheerful letter to her at least once a week.* | *We wrote about 20 postcards while we were in Greece.* | *I wasn't happy, so I wrote a nasty letter asking for my money back.* | **+ to** *He wrote to his father, asking for more money.* | **write sb** American (=write a letter to someone) *I just wrote him saying how much I missed him being around.* | **write back** (=write a letter to someone after they have written one to you) *Why didn't you write back?* | **write in** (=to write and send a letter to an organization) *A lot of listeners wrote in and complained about the programme.* — **writer** [n C] the person who writes a letter or message: *The writer forgot to put her address.* | *Sarah's a good letter writer, she's very funny.*

**write off** /,raɪt 'ɒf/ [phr v I] to write a letter and send it in order to buy something, take part in a competition, have something sent to you etc **write off for sth** *Write off today for your free Batman poster!* | **write off to sb** *I wrote off to Friends of the Earth and they sent me some leaflets.*

**e-mail** ALSO **email** /'i: meɪl/ [v T] to send someone a message using the Internet: *Please e-mail your CV to the address below.* | **e-mail sb** *So, if you e-mail someone in California, you only pay local phone rates.* | **e-mail sb with sth** *She e-mailed me with her new address, but I deleted it by mistake.* — **e-mail** [n C/U] *Nikki and I keep in touch by e-mail.* | *Did you get my last e-mail?* | **send sb an email** *I sent him an e-mail asking for a copy of his article.* | **check your e-mail** (=connect to the Internet to find out whether you have any e-mails) *I didn't even check my e-mail this morning, so I'll check it now.*

**drop sb a line** /,drɒp (sb) ə 'laɪn/, drɒp-/ [v phrase] spoken informal to send someone a letter: *Why don't you give me a call or drop me a line sometime?* | *What do you think? Drop me a line at the Washington Post Weekend section and share your thoughts.*

**get in touch with sb** /,get ɪn 'tʌtʃ wið (sb)/ [v phrase] to write to someone, or phone them, especially someone you have not seen or written to for a long time: *I'd love to get in touch with Monique again.* | *Do you have her new address?* | *We help adopted children who want to get in touch with their natural parents.*

**contact** /'kɒntækt/'ka:n-/ [v T] to write to someone that you do not know, or phone them, especially in order to ask for help or information: *Elsa contacted several companies to ask if they could offer her part-time work.* | *If the problem continues, try contacting a software expert.*

**keep/stay in touch** /,ki:p, 'steɪ ɪn 'tʌtʃ/ [v phrase] to continue to write to someone or phone them, when you no longer work with them or live near them: *I met Pia in Sweden and we've stayed in touch ever since.* | **+ with** *Do you keep in touch with any of your friends from school?*

**correspond** /,kɒrɪ'spɒnd/, kɒrɪ'spa:nd, 'ka:-/ [v I] formal to write letters to someone and receive letters from them, especially regularly: *They started to correspond two years ago.* | **+ with** *I'm a 21-year old Kenyan student who wishes to correspond with students from Britain or the US.*

## 5 to write a story, book, newspaper article etc

- ▶ write
- ▶ compile
- ▶ compose

**write** /raɪt/ [v I/T] to write a book, story, newspaper article etc: *I can't come out tonight. I have an essay to write.* | *Who wrote 'Madame Bovary'?* | *Anna enjoys writing, and she's quite good at it.* | **+ about/on** *She writes very amusingly about her childhood in Moscow.* | *He wrote several scholarly articles on ancient Chinese texts.* | **well/badly written** *It's a fascinating article, and very well written.*

**compile** /kəm'paɪl/ [v T] to make a list, or a document, book etc that contains lists of information, for example a dictionary: *They are compiling a dictionary of new words.* | *The book was compiled by a panel of experts, working in conjunction with the publisher.*

**compose** /kəm'pəʊz/ [v T] formal to write a poem, letter, or song, thinking very carefully about what to say and how to say it: *These love poems are believed to have been composed by a poet at the court of King Henry II.* | *Tom tried to compose a letter, but he couldn't concentrate.*

## 6 someone who writes books, articles, stories etc

- ▶ writer
- ▶ author
- ▶ journalist

**writer** /'raɪtər/ [n C] someone whose job is to write books, stories etc: *When I was young, I wanted to be a writer.* | *I enjoy reading American writers.* | *a political writer for the New York Times* | *He's a good speech writer* (=someone who writes speeches for other people), *and much in demand among politicians.* | **+ of** *a writer of romantic novels*

**author** /'ɔ:θər/ [n C] someone who writes books, or who wrote a particular book: *Dickens is one of my favourite authors.* | *The author recalls scenes from her childhood.* | **+ of** *The author of 'Surfing on the Internet', JC Hertz, will be on tonight's show.* | **co-author** (=someone who writes a book with someone else) *Phil Duncan, co-author of 'Politics in America'*

**journalist** ALSO **reporter** American /'dʒɜ:rnəl-ɪst, rɪ'pɔ:rtər/ [n C] someone whose job is to write articles for newspapers or magazines: *She works as a journalist on the Sunday Times.* | **financial/sports etc journalist** *After he retired from football, he became a sports reporter for the Gazette.* | *Lee is one of the highest-paid financial journalists in the country.*

## 7 to write the letters of a word

- ▶ spell
- ▶ spelling

**spell** /spel/ [v I/T] to write a word using the correct letters in the correct order: *In American English, 'organize' is always spelled with a 'z'.* | *How do you spell your surname?* | *I've never been able to spell very well in English.* | **spell sth out** (=to say each letter of a word in the right order) *And your last name is Aitchson? Could you spell that out for me please?*

**spelling** /'spelɪŋ/ [n C/U] the way a word is spelled, or someone's ability to spell words correctly: *British and American spellings* | *Your spelling is atrocious!* | *This essay is full of spelling mistakes.*



## 8 to write your name

- ▶ **sign**
- ▶ **initial**
- ▶ **countersign**
- ▶ **signature**
- ▶ **autograph**

▶ see also **name**

**sign** /saɪn/ [v T] to write your name at the end of a letter, document etc, in order to prove who you are or show that you wrote it: *Sign here please.* | *Did the doctor ask you to sign a consent form Mrs Harris?* | *You forgot to sign the credit card slip.* | **sign your name** *Where do you want me to sign my name?* | **sign for sth** (=to show that you have received it) *Could you sign for this package, please?*

**initial** /ɪˈnɪʃəl/ [v T] to write the first letter of each of your names on something such as a document to show that you agree to it, have read it etc: *The memo had been initialled by the President.* | *If you alter something you have written on a cheque, you must initial the change.*

**countersign** /ˈkaʊntəˈsaɪn/ [v T] to write your signature on an official document, especially one that has already been signed by someone else, in order to approve it: *You have to get your visa countersigned by someone at the embassy.*

**signature** /ˈsɪɡnətʃər/ [n C] your name written by you, for example on a document or at the end of a letter, in order to prove who you are or show that you wrote it: *Who's it from? I can't read the signature.* | *Put your signature here, then print your name underneath.* | *You have to get the signature of the child's parent or guardian.* | + **on** *I just need your signature again on this last sheet here.*

**autograph** /ˈɔːtəɡrɑːf/-græf/ [n C] the name of a famous person, written by them on a photograph, in a book etc for someone to keep: *She has the autograph of every player in the team.* | **sign autographs** (=to sign your name for people when they ask) *He refused to sign autographs at a charity event last year.* — **autographed** [adj] *I have an autographed picture of John Lennon that's worth quite a lot.*

## 9 to write information on an official document

- ▶ **fill in sth/fill out sth**
- ▶ **make out**
- ▶ **write out/write**

**fill in sth/fill out sth** /,fɪl ˈɪn (sth), /fɪl ˈaʊt (sth)/ [phr v T] to write information or answer questions on an official document, for example giving your name, address, and age: *Passengers must fill in a boarding card before boarding the plane.* | *I must have filled out the order form incorrectly.* | **fill sth in/fill sth out** *You just fill it out, then send it in to the passport office.*

**write out/write** /,raɪt ˈaʊt, raɪt/ [phr v T] to write information, such as your name, the date etc on something such as a cheque or a form **write (out) sth** *I'll write out a cheque for \$500 to cover expenses.* | **write sb (out) sth** *Why don't you get the doctor to write you a prescription for some painkillers?* | **write sth out** *Write the information out here on this form, and I'll order the books for you.*

**make out** /,meɪk ˈaʊt/ [phr v T] to write the necessary details on an official document such as a cheque or ticket, including the name of the person or organization it should go to **make out sth** *He made out a cheque for \$100.* | **make sth out (for sb)** *Would you like me to make out a receipt for you?* |

*He's just making the booking form out.* | **make out a cheque to sb** (=write on a cheque the name of the person you are paying it to) *Who should I make the cheque out to?* | *If you want to pay by check, make it out to GK Fisher.*

## 10 to write something that you intend to improve or finish later

- ▶ **draft**
- ▶ **rough**

**draft** /draːft||dræft/ [v T] to write a letter, speech, official document etc with the intention of changing and improving it before you use it: *She's busy drafting her speech for next week's conference.* | *The prisoners sat down together to draft a letter to the governor.* — **draft** [n C] a first copy of a letter, book, agreement etc which will be improved before it is finally used: *By the end of the year, Jim had produced a first draft of his new novel.*

**rough** /rʌf/ [adj usually before noun] a **rough** copy of a document is the first one you write which has all the main ideas but does not have all the details and is not finished **rough copy/draft** *This is only a rough copy. I'm going to write it out again.* | *It's just a rough draft, but I'd like you to read it and tell me what you think.* — **in rough** [adv] written in this way: *Write your experiment in rough then read it through carefully before finalizing it.*

## 11 to write something again

- ▶ **write out**
- ▶ **rewrite**
- ▶ **write up**

**write out** /,raɪt ˈaʊt/ [phr v T] to write something again in a better or more complete way **write sth out** *First I think up the basic plot, then I write the story out in more detail.* | *Find out what is wrong with the example sentences, then write them out correctly.* | **write out sth** *I've written out what everyone owes for the phone bill – it's over there.*

**rewrite** /,riːˈraɪt/ [v T] to write something again using different words, or a different style, in order to make it better or more acceptable: *Perhaps you ought to rewrite the first paragraph to make it a little clearer.* | *The script was rewritten to give it a happier ending.*

**write up** /,raɪt ˈʌp/ [phr v T] to write out notes in complete form, making them into full sentences so that they can be read easily later **write up sth** *I must write up my history notes tonight.* | *I think I'm probably ready to start writing up the first part of the study.* | **write sth up** *We're trying to get all the results organized, so we can write them up.*

## 12 to write a song/music

- ▶ **write**
- ▶ **compose**
- ▶ **composer**
- ▶ **songwriter**

**write** /raɪt/ [v T] to write music or songs: *Lennon and McCartney wrote over 100 songs.* | *Who wrote the film soundtrack for 'The Bodyguard'?*

**compose** /kəmˈpəʊz/ [v T] to write a piece of music, especially serious music: *Mozart composed his first symphony when he was still a child.* | *The music was composed and performed by Keith Jarrett.*

**composer** /kəmˈpəʊzər/ [n C] someone who writes music, especially serious music: *My favourite composer is Beethoven.* | *the composer Philip Glass*



**songwriter** /'sɒŋ,raɪtər/'sɔ:ŋ-/ [n C] someone who writes songs, especially modern, popular songs: *songwriter Bernie Taupin* | **singer-songwriter** (=someone who writes and performs their own songs) *Kaylie is a very talented singer-songwriter.*

## 13 something that has been written or printed

- ▶ writing
- ▶ words
- ▶ text
- ▶ manuscript
- ▶ inscription
- ▶ graffiti
- ▶ document

**writing** /'raɪtɪŋ/ [n U] *There's some writing on the back of this photo, but I can't make out what it says.* | **in writing** *All bids must be submitted in writing to the above address.* | **piece of writing** *Below each picture was a short piece of writing in Arabic script.*

**words** /wɜ:ɪ'dz/ [n plural] writing, especially a small amount of writing **the words** *The words were very faint but I could make out the name 'Alex'.* | *She scrawled the words 'I love you' on my desk.*

**text** /tekst/ [n U] the written part of a book, newspaper etc, not including notes, pictures etc: *The front page had no text, just a photograph of the Princess and a huge headline.* | *You can cut and paste whole blocks of text very easily on screen.*

**manuscript** /'mænɪŋskript/ [n C] a copy of a book which is written by hand or typed, often before it is printed: *The finished manuscript was sent to the publisher on 3 January.* | *We were shown some of the ancient manuscripts and rare books that are kept in the British Library.*

**inscription** /ɪn'skrɪpʃən/ [n C] a piece of writing written on, or cut into, the surface of a stone, coin etc: *We read the inscriptions on the graves, and wondered what each of those lives had been like.* | *It was an engraved silver plate bearing the inscription 'Made for His Majesty George III June 1737'.*

**graffiti** /græ'fɪti, græ-/ [n U] rude, humorous, or political writing on the walls of buildings, trains etc: *The corridors are very dirty, and the walls are covered with graffiti.*

**document** /'dɒkjʊmənt/'dɑ:k-/ [n C] a piece of writing. A paper document is usually an official or legal one. A document that you produce on a computer is something you type into a particular file: *Several secret documents went missing from the government's Information department.* | *Your birth certificate is an important document, which should be kept safe at all times.* | *Open a new document (=on a computer) and name it 'resume'.* | *You can attach any documents to an email and send them to friends or colleagues.*

## 14 written not spoken

- ▶ written
- ▶ in writing
- ▶ on paper
- ▶ handwritten

**written** /'rɪtɪn/ [adj] *Some expressions are more common in spoken English than in written English.* | *She was illiterate, and could not understand the written details on the insurance form.* | *Don't sign any written agreement until you have read every word of the contract.*

**in writing** /ɪn 'raɪtɪŋ/ [adv] if you get or give information **in writing**, it is written down, not spoken, so you can prove later what was actually said: *Please confirm in writing the date you intend to leave.* | *I don't have anything in writing, but they said they expected me to start work Monday.* | **put sth**

**in writing** *You should have asked them to put what they agreed in writing.*

**on paper** /ɒn 'peɪpər/ [adv] if you put ideas or suggestions **on paper**, you write them down so that you can remember them or organize them more clearly: *If you have any suggestions for improving the course, put them on paper and we'll discuss them.* | *Felton had made the same allegations on paper, and had sent a copy to the FBI.*

**handwritten** /,hænd'raɪtɪn/ [adj] written by hand: *Please attach a covering letter (typed, not handwritten).* | *The scene of the accident was surrounded by flowers, many with handwritten cards expressing sympathy.*

## wrong

### WHAT'S HERE

- not correct see **1 to 4**
- not reasonable or necessary see **5**

## not correct

### RELATED WORDS

- opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ correct
- ▶ not suitable see **suitable/not suitable**
  - ▶ see also **mistake, stupid**

## 1 information/numbers/calculations etc

- ▶ wrong
- ▶ incorrect
- ▶ misleading
- ▶ inaccurate
- ▶ bad
- ▶ be out
- ▶ be way off the mark

**wrong** /rɒŋ||rɔ:ŋ/ [adj] not correct: *For every answer that is wrong, you lose five points.* | *I think that clock must be wrong (=showing the wrong time).* | **get sth wrong** *You must have got my email address wrong.* | **wrong (telephone) number/address/name etc** *I tried to phone him, but it was the wrong number.* | *This must be the wrong address – no one of that name lives here* — **wrong/wrongly** [adv] *You've spelled my name wrong – there should be an 'e' at the end.* | *I think you've added it up wrongly.*

**incorrect** /ɪnkə'rekt/ [adj] facts, figures, answers etc that are **incorrect** are wrong because they are not the same as the correct ones: *The information about current prices was incorrect.* | *incorrect spelling* | *They discovered later that the doctor had made an incorrect diagnosis.* | **it is incorrect to do/say sth** *It's simply incorrect to say that tobacco advertising does not influence young people.* — **incorrectly** [adv] *If a player answers incorrectly, the question is given to the other team.*

**misleading** /mɪs'li:dɪŋ/ [adj] a statement or piece of information that is **misleading** makes people believe something that is not true, especially because it does not give all the facts: *The article was deliberately misleading, and the newspaper has apologized.* | *misleading statistics* | *The Advertising Review Board says the adverts are deliberately misleading.* | **give a misleading impression/statement etc** *Agents often gave a false or misleading description of the houses they were selling.*

**inaccurate** /ɪn'ækjʊrət/ [adj] information, numbers etc that are **inaccurate** are not exactly right or



contain some mistakes: *The old maps were usually inaccurate or incomplete.* | *TV ratings figures are often inaccurate.* | *He admitted he had given the committee 'inaccurate, incomplete and unreliable information'.* | **totally/wildly inaccurate** (=very inaccurate) *Figures quoted in the article are wildly inaccurate.*

**bad** /bæd/ [adj] **bad grammar/English/Italian etc** not spoken or written correctly: *You will lose marks for bad grammar in the exam.* | *Robert ordered two beers in very bad Spanish.* | *Masanori is the worst student in the class – his spelling's bad and his grammar's terrible.*

**be out** British / **be off** American /bi: 'aʊt, bi: 'ɒf/ [phr v l] if a measurement, result, figure etc is out, it is wrong because the numbers have not been calculated correctly: *These sales figures must be out.* | *We certainly haven't made that much money this year.* | **be out by \$10/50 centimetres etc** *My last bank statement was off by \$60.*

**be way off the mark** /bi: 'wei ɒf ðə ,mɑ:rk/ [v phrase] if someone's guess, opinion etc is way off the mark, their idea about a situation is completely wrong: *No, you're way off the mark – he was born in 1736.*

## 2 beliefs/ideas/actions etc

- ▶ wrong
- ▶ mistaken
- ▶ false
- ▶ erroneous
- ▶ misplaced
- ▶ misguided
- ▶ wrongheaded

**wrong** /rɒŋ|rɔ:ŋ/ [adj] *People used to believe that the world was flat, but we now know this is wrong.* | *Alice felt she had made the wrong decision.* | **get the wrong impression** *I wouldn't like you to get the wrong impression – I do enjoy the course, but I just find it very hard work.*

**mistaken** /mɪ'steɪkən/ [adj only before noun] **mistaken idea/belief/impression etc** an idea, belief etc that people believe is right but is in fact wrong – use this as a polite way of saying someone is wrong: *Many people have the mistaken idea that AIDS cannot spread through heterosexual sex.* | **under the mistaken belief/impression etc** *Pauline was under the mistaken impression that I didn't like her.*

**false** /fɔ:ls/ [adj] based on wrong ideas or incorrect information: *He gave false and misleading statements to the court.* | *My mother avoided visiting Bali on the quite false assumption that the place is full of tourists.* | **give a false impression/belief** *The title gives a false impression of what the book is actually about.*

**erroneous** /ɪ'rəʊniəs/ [adj] formal based on incorrect or incomplete information: *There were erroneous reports that the company had issued false statements.* | **erroneous assumption/view/belief etc** *Ricci's book tries to correct this erroneous view of ancient China.* — **erroneously** [adv] *It is sometimes erroneously believed that cutting interest rates will cure all our economic problems.*

**misplaced** /,mɪs'pleɪst/ [adj] **misplaced trust/loyalty/admiration/concern etc** trust, loyalty etc that is wrong because there is no good reason for feeling it: *Richards said, with misplaced confidence, that the ship was 'unsinkable'.* | *I suppose her chief fault was misplaced trust, rather than any real crime.* | **(do sth out of) a sense of misplaced loyalty/admiration etc** *Despite her doubts, she supported the new legislation out of a misplaced sense of loyalty to the leadership.*

**misguided** /mɪs'gaɪdɪd/ [adj] done with good inten-

tions but based on information or an idea that is wrong: *These decision now seem misguided, if not downright wrong.* | **misguided efforts/attempt/action etc** *It was another of his misguided attempts to save money.* | **(do sth in the) misguided belief/hope** *The taxes were introduced in the misguided belief that they would reduce foreign competition.*

**wrongheaded** /,rɒŋ'hedɪd/ [adj] wrong and a little stupid, because of being based on a lack of understanding: *The young man's speech was full of wrongheaded ideas about 'the evils of capitalism'.* | *wrongheaded economic policies*

## 3 to believe something that is wrong

- ▶ be wrong
- ▶ be mistaken
- ▶ be misinformed
- ▶ be on the wrong track/tack
- ▶ kid/delude yourself

**be wrong** /bi: 'rɒŋ|-rɔ:ŋ/ [v phrase] if you are wrong, you think or say something that is not correct: *I thought a holiday in Greece would be cheap, but I was wrong.* | *Maybe I'm wrong, but I could have sworn the class was at 9.30 a.m.* | *Why won't he admit he was wrong?* | + **about** *You were wrong about that train – it left at 10.30.* | **be wrong in thinking/believing etc sth** *You'd be wrong in thinking we don't encourage disabled students to come to the college.*

**be mistaken** /bi: mɪ'steɪkən/ [v phrase] formal to have an incorrect opinion or belief about something – use this as a polite way of saying someone is wrong: *I thought it was an accident, but I was mistaken.* | + **about** *Anna realised she had been mistaken about Dennis.* | **you must be mistaken** *I think you must be mistaken. He could not have obtained a key to your room.*

**be misinformed** /bi: mɪsɪn'fɔ:ɪmd/ [v phrase] to be wrong because you have been given information that is incorrect or untrue: *I think you must have been misinformed – we don't teach any courses in business studies here.* | + **about** *The documents clearly show that the public was misled and misinformed about the crisis.*

**be on the wrong track/tack** /bi: ɒn ðə ,rɒŋ 'træk, 'tæk|-rɔ:ŋ/ [v phrase] to have the wrong idea about a situation, so that you are unlikely to get the result you want or the right answer to a problem: *I feel that this advertising campaign is on completely the wrong tack.* | **get sb off on the wrong tack/track** *He admitted that he had gotten us off on the wrong tack, and that we'd need to start again.*

**kid/delude yourself** /'kɪd, dɪ'lu:d jɔ:rsɛlf/ [v phrase] to wrongly and stupidly let yourself believe something that you want to believe, but which is not true: *He's kidding himself if he thinks he's going to be a great film director.* | *Don't delude yourself. They have no intention of offering you a job.*

## 4 in the wrong position

- ▶ wrong
- ▶ the wrong way around
- ▶ back to front
- ▶ inside out
- ▶ upside down

**wrong** /rɒŋ|rɔ:ŋ/ [adj only before noun] *Someone had moved the road sign so it was pointing in the wrong direction.* | *You're heading in the wrong direction for the city centre.* | *The files had been put back in the wrong order.*



**the wrong way around** ALSO the wrong way round British /ðə ˈrɒŋ weɪ əˈraʊnd, ðə ˈrɒŋ weɪ ˈraʊnd/-, rɒŋ-/ [adv] if something is **the wrong way around**, it is pointing in the opposite direction to the one it should be pointing in: *Tom often writes ‘b’ and ‘d’ the wrong way round.* | *That hat looks a bit strange – have you got it on the wrong way around?* | *The torch won’t work if you put the batteries in the wrong way round.*

**back to front** British ALSO backwards British /ˈbæk tə ˈfrʌnt, ˈbækwəd(z)/ [adv] if something, especially a piece of clothing, is **back to front**, the back of it is where the front should be: *You’ve got your sweater on back to front.* | *Dan appeared in jeans, wearing his cap backward as usual.*

**inside out** /ˌɪnsaɪd ˈaʊt/ [adv] if something, especially a piece of clothing, is **inside out**, the inside of it is on the outside and the outside of it is on the inside: *I put my socks on inside out by mistake.* | *The wind was so strong, it blew her umbrella inside out.* | **turn sth inside out** *I turned the jeans inside out to repair the hem.*

**upside down** /ˌʌpsaɪd ˈdaʊn/ [adv] if something is **upside down**, the top of it is at the bottom and the bottom of it is at the top: *You’re holding the picture upside down.* | *The monkey was hanging upside down from a tree.* | **turn sth upside down** *Turn the cups upside down and leave them to dry.*

## not reasonable or necessary

### RELATED WORDS

- opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **right**
- ▶ morally wrong *see* **bad (13)**
  - ▶ *see also* **fair/unfair**

## 5 not reasonable or necessary

- ▶ wrong
- ▶ unjustified
- ▶ unjustifiable
- ▶ unreasonable
- ▶ unwarranted
- ▶ gratuitous
- ▶ unprovoked
- ▶ without good reason

**wrong** /rɒŋ|rɒŋ/ [adj] *I don’t deny that what I did was wrong, but I had no choice at the time.* | *Do you think violence is always wrong, even in self-defence?* | + **with** *There’s nothing wrong with making money, is there?* | **be wrong (of sb) to do sth** *It is wrong to treat people this way – they should be given a chance to defend themselves.* | *It was wrong of Sophie to take the money without asking.* — **wrongly** [adv] *Rightly or wrongly, employees see ‘performance pay raises’ as unfair.* | *The police chief admitted that some prisoners had been wrongly punished.*

**unjustified** /ʌnˈdʒʌstɪfaɪd/ [adj] something such as criticism or bad treatment of someone that is **unjustified** is unfair and cannot be shown to have a good reason: *Many disabled people suffer from unjustified discrimination when they apply for jobs.* | *Brian has the reputation, unjustified in my opinion, of being a bit of a bore.* | **totally/completely unjustified** *I think your criticisms of Mr Ward are completely unjustified.*

**unjustifiable** /ʌnˈdʒʌstɪfaɪəbəl/ [adj] not fair, reasonable, or true: *It is morally unjustifiable to punish a whole class for the actions of one or two of its members.* | *unjustifiable accusations*

**unreasonable** /ʌnˈriːzənəbəl/ [adj] **unreasonable** demands, requests, orders etc are unfair and not based on any good reason: *I think your attitude is most unreasonable.* | *I don’t think the amount of homework they get is unreasonable.* | *Even the most caring parents will sometimes make unreasonable demands on their children.* | **it is unreasonable to do sth** *Don’t you think it’s a little unreasonable to charge someone \$75 just for parking their car?* — **unreasonably** [adv] *Some investors had unreasonably high expectations of the new dotcom companies.*

**unwarranted** /ʌnˈwɒrəntɪd/-ˈwɔː-, -ˈwaɪ-/ [adj] an **unwarranted** action or criticism is not deserved and is not based on any good reason: *Many sportsmen and women consider random drug-testing to be an unwarranted invasion of their privacy.* | *His attorney called the punishment ‘excessively severe’ and ‘unwarranted’.* | **unwarranted assumptions/beliefs/conclusions** *He warned members of the public not to jump to any unwarranted conclusions about the tragedy.*

**gratuitous** /grəˈtʃuːɪtəs/-ˈtuː-/ [adj] done for no good reason and causing unnecessary harm or offence: *He has criticised the film industry for its use of gratuitous sex and violence.* | *There’s no point in exchanging gratuitous insults with them.* — **gratuitously** [adv] *A lot of the jokes were just gratuitously offensive.*

**unprovoked** /ˌʌnprəˈvʊkt-/ [adj] an **unprovoked** attack or criticism is directed at someone who did nothing to deserve it: *A man died in an apparently unprovoked attack in central Oxford last night.* | *Troops have been accused of unprovoked aggression against innocent civilians.*

**without good reason** /wɪðaʊt ˌɡʊd ˈriːzən/ [adv] if someone does something **without good reason**, they do not have a good reason for doing it, and this may lead to trouble or punishment: *Anyone who is late without good reason will be punished.* | *An employer is unlikely to dismiss an employee without good reason.*

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## yes

### RELATED WORDS

- opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ **no**
- ▶ *see also* **agree, accept**

## 1 when someone asks you a question

- ▶ yes
- ▶ yeah
- ▶ sure
- ▶ definitely
- ▶ of course
- ▶ I’m afraid so
- ▶ answer/reply in the affirmative

**yes** /jes/ spoken *‘Have you lived here long?’ ‘Yes, about 10 years.’* | *‘Did you watch ‘Trial and Retribution’ last night?’ ‘Yes, wasn’t it good?’* | *If you’re asking me whether I think we should do it, the answer is yes.* | **yes, please** (=say this to politely accept something that someone offers you) *‘Would you like some wine?’ ‘Yes, please.’*



**yeah** /jeə/ spoken informal 'Are you ready, Chrissie?' 'Yeah, yeah, I'm just coming.' | 'Was it £2000 that your car cost?' 'Yeah, that's right.' | 'Do you think you may have to retire from athletics soon?' 'Well, yeah, I suppose so.'

**sure** /ʃʊər/ spoken informal especially American 'Do you have the time, please?' 'Sure, it's three o'clock.' | 'We're going to the beach this afternoon - want to come?' 'Sure, that'd be great.'

**definitely** /ˈdefɪnɪtli/ spoken say this when you want to agree strongly with something, or to make it clear that you are **definitely** going to do something: 'I think Mark would make a good team captain, don't you?' 'Definitely!' | 'Are you going to Sonya's party?' 'Definitely! It should be really fun.'

**of course** /əv 'kɔːrs/ spoken say this when you are surprised or annoyed that someone has asked you something, or to make your answer strong: 'Do you know when my birthday is?' 'Of course, it's next Wednesday.' | **of course I am/she is/you can etc** 'Are you feeling nervous?' 'Of course I am, it's a very important speech.'

**I'm afraid so** /aɪm əfreɪd 'səʊ/ spoken say this when you think the person asking the question is hoping for a different answer: 'You're not going out, are you?' 'I'm afraid so. But I won't be long.' | 'School doesn't start again next week, does it?' 'Yes, I'm afraid so, Charlie.'

**answer/reply in the affirmative** /,ɑːnsər, rɪplai ɪn ði ə'fɜːrmətɪv/, æn-/ [v phrase] formal written to say yes - use this when someone says yes in a formal or public situation, for example in a law court: 'When asked if he recognized the defendant, the witness replied in the affirmative.' | 'Are men more mechanical than women? 67% of all men responding to our poll answered in the affirmative.'

## 2 when someone asks you for permission to do something

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| ▶ <b>yes</b>       | ▶ <b>certainly</b>    |
| ▶ <b>ok/okay</b>   | ▶ <b>go ahead</b>     |
| ▶ <b>sure</b>      | ▶ <b>by all means</b> |
| ▶ <b>of course</b> | ▶ <b>no problem</b>   |

**yes** /jes/ spoken 'Is it all right if I use this computer?' 'Yes, that's fine.' | 'Do you have a pen I can borrow?' 'Yes, what color do you want?' | 'I asked her if I could come too, and she said yes.'

**ok/okay** /əʊ'keɪ/ spoken say this when you agree to give permission but you are not completely happy about it: 'Mum, can I borrow your car for an hour?' 'OK, but don't be any longer than that.' | 'Ed asked if he could stay over at Matt's house so I said okay.'

**sure** /ʃʊər/ spoken informal especially American 'Can I call you this evening?' 'Sure. I'll be home about seven thirty.' | 'Do you have a photo of the baby I can see?' 'Sure,' said Maddy, pulling out her wallet.

**of course** /əv 'kɔːrs/ spoken use this to say clearly and definitely that you are very willing to give your permission for something: 'Do you think I could borrow some money?' 'Of course. How much do you need?' | **of course you can/we will etc** 'Will we be able to go to Disney World?' 'Of course we will, that's why we're here.'

**certainly** /'sɜːrtnli/ spoken say this especially when you are being polite to someone in a formal situation: 'Can I change the date of my return flight to London?' 'Certainly, which date would you prefer?' | 'I'd like to use the hotel sauna, please.' 'Certainly, Madam. It's down the corridor on the left.'

**go ahead** /,gəʊ ə'hed/ spoken say this when someone asks your permission to use something that belongs to you, or asks to do something that affects you in some way: 'Is it OK if I smoke?' 'Sure, go ahead.' | 'Do you mind if I use your phone?' 'Not at all - go ahead.'

**by all means** /baɪ ,ɔːl 'miːnz/ spoken formal say this to show that you are very willing to give permission: 'Do you think I could stay at your house for a few days?' 'By all means, but you may have to sleep on the floor.'

**no problem** /,nəʊ 'prɒbləm/-'prɑːb-/ spoken say this to show that you are very willing to give permission, and it is not at all inconvenient for you: 'Would it be all right if I leave work a bit early tomorrow? I've got a dentist's appointment.' 'No problem - thanks for letting me know.'

## 3 when someone asks or tells you to do something

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| ▶ <b>yes</b>               | ▶ <b>right</b>      |
| ▶ <b>ok/okay</b>           | ▶ <b>sure</b>       |
| ▶ <b>all right/alright</b> | ▶ <b>no problem</b> |

**yes** /jes/ spoken 'Will you type this letter for me, please.' 'Yes, but I'll have to finish this first.' | 'Clean the pans and scrub the floor, I want this place spotless.' 'Yes, sir,' he replied.

**ok/okay** /əʊ'keɪ/ spoken say this when you agree to do something but you are not completely happy about it: 'Could you pick me up at about 12 o'clock?' 'Okay, if you're sure it won't be any later than that.' | 'Go and wake Ted up, will you?' 'OK, but he isn't going to be too pleased.'

**all right/alright** /,ɔːl 'raɪt/ spoken say this especially when you do not really want to do what someone is asking or telling you to do: 'Dad, can you help me with this maths homework?' 'Alright, but shouldn't you really do it by yourself?' | **all right then** 'I'd really like to see you some time this week.' 'Oh, all right then, how about a quick drink after work?'

**right** /raɪt/ spoken especially British say this especially when you want to show that you have understood what someone wants you to do and you are going to do it: 'We seem to have run out of eggs, too.' 'Right, how many do you want?' | 'I'll need ten copies of this letter.' 'Right, I'll do it straight away.'

**sure** /ʃʊər/ spoken informal especially American say this when you are happy to do something which someone asks or tells you to do: 'Will you be able to help with Jimmy's birthday party?' 'Sure, I love kids.' | 'Just go out to the garage, will you, and get my tools.' 'Sure, I'll be right back.'

**no problem** /,nəʊ 'prɒbləm/-'prɑː-/ spoken say this when you are very happy to do something that someone has asked you to do: 'Can you have the car ready for me by 5 o'clock?' 'No problem, sir.' | 'Could you get me down that box on the top shelf?' 'Sure, no problem at all.'

## young

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opposite: \_\_\_\_\_ old  
▶ see also **age, child, baby**



## 1 young

- ▶ young
- ▶ little
- ▶ small

**young** /jʌŋ/ [adj] *You're too young to smoke. | a single mother with two young children | When I was younger, I used to play a lot of baseball. | Her youngest son works for a television company. | At 35, he is the youngest person to hold this office.*

**little** /'lɪtl/ [adj] especially spoken very young – use this to talk about a young child: *When I was little we used to go camping a lot. | There were three bridesmaids at the wedding, and even the little one behaved beautifully. | little boy/girl* (=a young child, or a young son or daughter) *They've been married for ten years and have two little girls. | Who's that little boy in the blue sweater?*

**small** /smɔ:l/ [adj] young, usually less than about ten years old: *We loved going to the zoo when we were small. | The kids were too small to really understand. | small children* *She soon discovered that looking after small children was very tiring.*

## 2 younger than someone else

- ▶ younger
- ▶ junior

**younger** /'jʌŋgə/ [adj] *At school, the younger children go home an hour before the rest. | He is the most influential of the younger French photographers.*

**junior** /'dʒu:niə/ [n singular] **ten years/18 months etc sb's junior** formal ten years, etc younger than someone else: *Sarah is six years my junior. | He was replaced by a young graduate, 10 years his junior.*

## 3 a brother or sister who is younger than you

- ▶ younger sister/brother
- ▶ little sister/brother
- ▶ kid sister/brother

**younger sister/brother** /'jʌŋgə 'sɪstə/, 'brʌðə/ [n C] *Tony's the oldest – he has two younger sisters. | The king was killed by his younger brother.*

**little sister/brother** /'lɪtl 'sɪstə/, 'brʌðə/ [n C] a younger sister or brother, especially one who is still a child: *Mike's little brother is doing much better at school than he is. | She went to the ballet class with her little sister every week.*

**kid sister/brother** /'kɪd 'sɪstə/, 'brʌðə/ [n C] informal a younger sister or brother, who is usually still a child: *He has a kid sister in the fourth grade at school. | I suddenly realized Bobby was more than just an annoying kid brother who always wanted to use my stuff.*

## 4 a young person

- ▶ teenager
- ▶ youth
- ▶ in your teens
- ▶ adolescent
- ▶ minor

▶ see also **child**

**teenager** /'ti:neɪdʒə/ [n C] someone who is between 13 and 19 years old: *River Phoenix became a famous actor while still a teenager. | The survey shows that four out of five teenagers have experimented with illegal drugs. — teenage [adj only before noun] *Jenny has three teenage children.**

**youth** /ju:θ/ [n C usually plural] a young man between about 15 and 25 years old – use this especially about groups of young men who behave badly or do something illegal: *One of the youths pushed her against the wall and took her bag. | The police had questioned three youths, but then later released them without charge. | a gang of youths on motorbikes*

**in your teens** /ɪn jɔ: 'ti:nz/ [adv] someone who is **in their teens** is between 13 and 19 years old: *She had run away from home several times in her teens. | in your early/mid/late teens* *Most of the girls at the concert were in their early teens.*

**adolescent** /ædə'lesənt/ [n C] someone who is at the age when they change from being a child into a young adult – use this especially when talking about problems that young people have at this age: *John changed from a friendly and cheerful young boy into a confused adolescent. | An estimated 62 million Americans smoke, including 4.1 million adolescents aged 12-17. — adolescent [adj] *Parents tend to worry more about adolescent daughters than adolescent sons.**

**minor** /'maɪnə/ [n C] a person under the age when they legally become an adult – used in legal contexts: *Stores are forbidden to sell alcohol and cigarettes to minors.*

## 5 young people in general

- ▶ the young
- ▶ the youth

**the young** /ðə 'jʌŋ/ [n plural] *The show is extremely popular, especially with the young. | Living together without getting married is increasingly common among the young.*

**the youth** /ðə 'ju:θ/ [n plural] the young people of a particular time or place + **of** *The youth of today have much more money than we had 50 years ago. | The youth of industrialized nations need to be made aware of global problems.*

## 6 the time when you were young

- ▶ childhood
- ▶ youth
- ▶ adolescence

**childhood** /'tʃaɪldhʊd/ [n C/U] the time when you are a child: *Nina had happy memories of her childhood on the farm. | early childhood* (=when you are a young child) *His early childhood was spent with his father in Chicago. — childhood [adj only before noun] *My own childhood hero was Stirling Moss, the racing car driver. | childhood illness/memory/friend/experience* *The smell of the sea brought back childhood memories of long summer holidays spent on the beach.**

**youth** /ju:θ/ [n U] the time when you are young, especially the time between 15 and 25 when you are no longer a child: *She revisited all the places where she had spent her youth. | in sb's youth* (=when they were young) *Caroline had been a ballet dancer in her youth.*

**adolescence** /ædə'lesəns/ [n U] the time when a young person is changing from being a child into a young adult – use this especially when talking about the problems that young people have at this age: *During adolescence, boys are sometimes very shy and lacking in self-confidence.*



7 affecting or involving young people

- ▶ youth
- ▶ teenage
- ▶ juvenile

**youth** /ju:θ/ [adj only before noun] **youth club/group/organization etc** a club, group etc for young people: *I met her at the local youth club. | a concert by the National Youth Orchestra*

**teenage** /'ti:neɪdʒ/ [adj only before noun] use this about things produced for teenagers, or things that teenagers do: *the teenage music scene | teenage fashions/magazines/pregnancy/drug-taking etc* There has been a significant increase in teenage pregnancies recently.

**juvenile** /'dʒu:vənail/-nəl, -nail/ [adj only before noun] use this about crimes by young people **juvenile crime/offender** (=crime by young people/a young person who is a criminal) *Juvenile crime is an increasing problem in big cities. | Many juvenile offenders were being put in adult prisons. | juvenile delinquency* (=illegal or bad behaviour by young people) *The public housing units have frequently become slums and hotbeds of crime, especially juvenile delinquency. | juvenile court* (=a court that deals with crimes by young people) *O'Brien, 15, will face murder charges in a juvenile court.* — **juvenile** [n C] a young person who has done something illegal: *the treatment of juveniles in the criminal justice system*

8 looking or behaving like a young person

- ▶ youthful
- ▶ look young for your age
- ▶ mutton dressed as lamb

**youthful** /'ju:θfəl/ [adj] looking or behaving like a young person, even though you are no longer young: *At 61, she seems remarkably youthful. | Although middle-aged, he had a youthful appearance. | She still manages to bring a youthful enthusiasm and energy to her work.*

**look young for your age** /lʊk ˌjʌŋ fər ʒɔ:r 'eɪdʒ/ [v phrase] to look younger than you really are: *Veronique looks very young for her age, and people often think that her daughter is her sister.*

**mutton dressed as lamb** /ˌmʌtn drest əz 'læm/ [n phrase] British someone who dresses in clothes that are only suitable for a much younger person in order to seem younger – use this to say that you think this makes them look silly or embarrassing: *Some people might think that she was 'mutton dressed as lamb', but tonight Moira really didn't care.*



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**abbreviation** ▶ SHORT 6

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**accept** ▶ ACCEPT 1, 3, 4, 5, 7;  
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**accurate** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 2;  
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**acoustic** ▶ SOUND 2

**acquaintance** ▶ FRIEND 1; KNOW/  
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**acquainted**  
*be acquainted with* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
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**acquire** ▶ BUY 1; GET 1

**acquired**  
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**acid** ▶ SMELL 5

**across** ▶ ACROSS 1; OPPOSITE 6  
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**act up** ▶ BEHAVE 3

**acting** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 3;  
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MOVIE 2

**action-packed** ▶ EXCITED/  
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**activate** ▶ START 16; SWITCH ON OR  
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**active** ▶ DO/NOT DO 6; ENERGETIC 1  
*be active in* ▶ TAKE PART/BE  
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**activity** ▶ DO/NOT DO 7, 8

**actor** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 1

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**actual** ▶ REAL 5

**actually** ▶ ACTUALLY 1, 2, 3

**acute** ▶ SERIOUS 1

**ad** ▶ ADVERTISING 3

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**adamant** ▶ DETERMINED 1  
*be adamant* ▶ INSIST 1

**adapt** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 7

**adapt to** ▶ USED TO/ACCUSTOMED  
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**adaptable** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
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**adhere** ▶ STICK 2

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**admit/confess** ▶ ADMIT 3

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**adolescent** ▶ YOUNG 4

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**advance** ▶ BEFORE 1; FORWARD 2;  
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*be to sb's advantage* ▶ ADVANTAGE 6

*give sb an advantage*

▶ ADVANTAGE 6

*have an advantage* ▶ ADVANTAGE 5

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*a word of advice...* ▶ ADVISE 2

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*get/obtain advice* ▶ ADVISE 3

*give advice* ▶ ADVISE 1

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▶ ADVISE 4

*seek advice* ▶ ADVISE 3

*take my advice* ▶ ADVISE 2

*take sb's advice/follow sb's advice*

▶ ADVISE 4

**advisable** ▶ SHOULD/UGHT TO 2

**advise** ▶ ADVISE 1

**advised**

*you'd be well advised to do sth/you*

*would do well to do sth* ▶ ADVISE 2

**adviser** ▶ ADVISE 6

**advocate** ▶ SUPPORT 1  
*be an advocate of* ▶ APPROVE 3

**aerobics** ▶ EXERCISE 3

**affable** ▶ FRIENDLY 1

**affair** ▶ HAPPEN 9; RELATIONSHIP 5;  
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AFFECT 2

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**affection** ▶ LOVE 4

**affectionate** ▶ LOVE 5

**affiliation** ▶ MEMBER 3

**affinity** ▶ RELATIONSHIP 1

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**affluent** ▶ RICH 1

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*can't afford* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT  
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**affordable** ▶ CHEAP 1

**affront** ▶ INSULT 3

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**afoot** ▶ PLAN 8

**afraid** ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 1

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▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 2

*be afraid/scared of heights* ▶ HIGH 6

*I'm afraid not* ▶ NO 1

*I'm afraid so* ▶ YES 1

**afresh**

*start afresh/make a fresh start/make a  
new start* ▶ START 7

**after** ▶ AFTER 1, 2, 3, 4, 8; LATER 1

*be after* ▶ LOOK FOR 4

*be/come after* ▶ AFTER 9

*come after* ▶ AFTER 5

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▶ CONTINUE 5

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*a man/woman after your own heart*  
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 ▶ HELLO 1  
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*once again/once more* ▶ AGAIN 1  
*over and over again* ▶ AGAIN 5  
*sb would do the same (thing) again/sb would do it again* ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 5  
*start again* ▶ CONTINUE 8, 10  
**again and again** ▶ AGAIN 5; OFTEN 1  
**again!**  
*not again!* ▶ AGAIN 1  
**against**  
*as against* ▶ COMPARE 2  
*be against* ▶ DISADVANTAGE 3  
*be against the law/rules* ▶ ILLEGAL 1  
*be against/be opposed to* ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 1  
*come up against* ▶ PROBLEM 6  
*go against* ▶ DIFFERENT 12  
*go against sb's wishes* ▶ DISOBEY 1  
*have something against* ▶ DISLIKE 2  
*hold it against* ▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 4  
*play (against)* ▶ PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 2  
*turn sb against* ▶ DISLIKE 4  
**against your will** ▶ WILLING 4  
**age** ▶ AGE 1; OLD 4; TIME 13  
*be 5/10/35 etc years of age* ▶ AGE 2  
*come of age* ▶ ADULT 2  
*look young for your age* ▶ YOUNG 8  
*show your age* ▶ OLD 4  
*the same age* ▶ AGE 5  
**age group** ▶ AGE 6  
**age-old** ▶ OLD 8  
**aged 5/10/35 etc** ▶ AGE 2  
**ageing/aging** ▶ OLD 1, 4  
**agenda** ▶ LIST 4  
*be at the top of the agenda*  
 ▶ IMPORTANT 3  
*be on the agenda* ▶ DISCUSS 3  
**agent** ▶ REPRESENT 2; SPY 2  
**ages** ▶ LONG 6; TIME 10  
*donkey's years/ages* ▶ TIME 10  
*take ages/years/forever etc* ▶ LONG 8  
**aggravate** ▶ WORSE 3

**aggression** ▶ ATTACK 6; VIOLENT 5  
**aggressive** ▶ FIGHT 3; VIOLENT 1  
**aggressor** ▶ ATTACK 7  
**aghost** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 1  
**aging**  
*ageing/aging* ▶ OLD 1, 4  
**agitate** ▶ SHAKE 3  
**agitator** ▶ REBELLION/REVOLUTION 5  
**agnostic** ▶ BELIEVE 7  
**ago** ▶ BEFORE 3; TIME 4  
*a minute/second ago* ▶ JUST 1  
*a short time ago* ▶ RECENTLY 1  
*a short/little while ago* ▶ RECENTLY 1  
*not long ago* ▶ RECENTLY 1  
**agonizing/excruciating** ▶ PAIN 4  
**agony** ▶ SUFFER 3  
*be agony* ▶ PAIN 4  
*be in agony* ▶ PAIN 3  
**agree** ▶ ACCEPT 1, 3; AGREE 1, 2, 3; SAME 8  
*not agree* ▶ DISAGREE 1  
*not agree with sth* ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 1  
**agree to** ▶ LET/ALLOW 1  
**agree to disagree** ▶ DISAGREE 1  
**agree to do sth** ▶ WILLING 1  
**agree with** ▶ APPROVE 1  
**agreement** ▶ AGREE 6, 7  
*be in agreement* ▶ AGREE 1  
*reach agreement/come to an agreement* ▶ AGREE 3  
**ahead** ▶ FORWARD 1; FRONT 5; FUTURE 1  
*be ahead* ▶ WIN 3  
*be streets ahead* ▶ BETTER 2  
*forge ahead* ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 2  
*get on/get ahead* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 6  
*go ahead* ▶ LET/ALLOW 3; YES 2  
*in front of/ahead of* ▶ BEFORE 5  
*look ahead* ▶ PLAN 6  
*plan ahead* ▶ PLAN 6  
*pull ahead* ▶ FAST 7  
*up ahead* ▶ FRONT 5  
**ahead of** ▶ BEFORE 8  
**ahead of schedule** ▶ EARLY 1  
**ahead of time** ▶ EARLY 1  
*be ahead of its time* ▶ ADVANCED 1  
*be ahead of your time* ▶ BEFORE 8  
**aid** ▶ GIVE 6; HELP 3, 4, 6  
*come to sb's aid/assistance* ▶ HELP 1  
*with the aid of* ▶ HELP 4  
**aide** ▶ HELP 5, 5  
**ailment** ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 1  
**aim** ▶ PURPOSE 1; SHOOT 4  
*take aim* ▶ SHOOT 4  
*with the aim of doing sth* ▶ IN ORDER TO 1; PURPOSE 3  
**aimless** ▶ PURPOSE 5  
**air** ▶ AIR 1, 3; ARMY 3  
*be on the air* ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 3  
*be up in the air* ▶ UNCERTAIN 1  
*by air/by sea/by land* ▶ TRAVEL 3  
*clear the air* ▶ ARGUE 7  
*fresh air* ▶ AIR 1  
*in the open air* ▶ OUT/OUTSIDE 1  
*let the air out of* ▶ AIR 5  
*up in/into the air* ▶ HIGH 1  
*with an air of* ▶ WAY 8  
**air your grievances** ▶ COMPLAIN 1  
**air your views** ▶ SAY 4  
**airforce** ▶ ARMY 1  
**airhead** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 6

**airless** ▶ AIR 2  
**airman** ▶ ARMY 2  
**ajar** ▶ OPEN 3  
**aka/a.k.a.** ▶ NAME 3  
**akin to** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 1  
**al fresco** ▶ MEAL 6  
**alarm** ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 4  
*set (the) alarm bells ringing*  
 ▶ WARN 3  
*sound/raise the alarm* ▶ WARN 1  
**alarming** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 5  
*at an alarming rate* ▶ FAST 3  
**alarmist** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 5  
**alcohol** ▶ DRINK 6  
**alcoholic** ▶ DRUNK 6  
**alert** ▶ WARN 1; WATCH 7  
*be on full alert* ▶ READY/NOT READY 3  
*be on the alert* ▶ WATCH 7  
**alias** ▶ NAME 3  
**alien** ▶ FOREIGN 2  
**alienated** ▶ ALONE 4  
**alike** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 1  
**alimony** ▶ MONEY 12  
*pay alimony* ▶ PAY 10  
**alive** ▶ ALIVE 1  
*feel alive* ▶ ENERGETIC 2  
*stay alive* ▶ ALIVE 2; SURVIVE 1  
**all** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 1, 2; EVERYONE 1; ONLY 1  
*be two all/be four all etc* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 4; SCORE 2; SPORT/GAME 10  
*give your all* ▶ TRY 3  
*is that all?* ▶ ONLY 2  
*it's all right/it's OK* ▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 2; SAD 9  
*still/all the same/then again* ▶ BUT 1  
*the be all and end all* ▶ IMPORTANT 5  
**all along** ▶ ALWAYS 3  
**all and sundry** ▶ EVERYONE 1  
**all but** ▶ ALMOST 4  
**all day/night/summer etc long**  
 ▶ ALWAYS 3  
**all day/night/year/week** ▶ TIME 10  
**all day/week etc long** ▶ LONG 6  
**all ears**  
*be all ears* ▶ INTERESTED 2  
**all for**  
*be all for/be all in favour of*  
 ▶ APPROVE 2  
**all go**  
*it's all go* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 2  
**all gone**  
*be (all) gone* ▶ FINISH 13  
**all in all**  
*on the whole/all in all/all things considered* ▶ IN GENERAL 2  
**all in good time** ▶ WAIT 2  
**all manner of sth** ▶ VARIOUS/OFF DIFFERENT KINDS 2  
**all of a sudden** ▶ SUDDENLY 1  
**all over** ▶ EVERYWHERE 2  
*be over/be all over* ▶ FINISH 10  
*that's sb all over* ▶ TYPICAL 2  
**all over again** ▶ AGAIN 2  
**all over the world**  
 ▶ EVERYWHERE 1  
**all right**  
*be all right/OK* ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 1  
*be OK for/be all right for* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 3



*do you mind if/would you mind if/is it all right if* ▶ LET/ALLOW 2  
*it's all right for some* ▶ LUCKY 1  
*it's all right/it's OK* ▶ SAD 9;  
 FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 2  
*it's okay/it's all right* ▶ CALM 5  
*it's/everything's all right*  
 ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 11  
*okay/OK/all right* ▶ NEW 3  
*that's all right/that's OK* ▶ THANK 5

**all right for**  
*be OK for/be all right for* ▶ ENOUGH/  
 NOT ENOUGH 3

**all right,**  
*I'm all right, Jack* ▶ SELFISH/NOT  
 SELFISH 2

**all right/alright** ▶ YES 3

**all right/OK, but ...** ▶ BAD 3

**all round** ▶ EVERYONE 1, 3

**all set**  
*be all set* ▶ READY/NOT READY 1

**all smiles**  
*be all smiles* ▶ SMILE 1

**all sorts/kinds of sth** ▶ VARIOUS/OF  
 DIFFERENT KINDS 2

**all talk**  
*be all talk* ▶ BOAST 2

**all the rage**  
*be all the rage* ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
 FASHIONABLE 2

**all the time** ▶ ALWAYS 2, 3

**all there**  
*be all there* ▶ COMPLETE/NOT  
 COMPLETE 1

**all through**  
*throughout/all through* ▶ ALWAYS 3

**all through/throughout** ▶ DURING 1

**all thumbs**  
*be all thumbs* ▶ CLUMSY 1

**all your life** ▶ LIFE 3

**all-embracing** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 3

**all-powerful** ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 2

**all-purpose** ▶ USE 10

**all-rounder** ▶ GOOD AT 6

**all-time**  
*an all-time low* ▶ LEAST 3

**all-weather** ▶ WEATHER 14

**allay** ▶ REDUCE 2

**allegation** ▶ ACCUSE 1

**allege** ▶ ACCUSE 1

**allegiance** ▶ LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 2

**allegory** ▶ STORY 2

**alleviate** ▶ REDUCE 2

**alley** ▶ ROAD/PATH 1

**alliance** ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 7

**allocate** ▶ GIVE 3

**allocation** ▶ SHARE 5

**allotted** ▶ GIVE 3

**allow** ▶ LET/ALLOW 1  
*let/allow* ▶ LET/ALLOW 5  
*not let/not allow* ▶ FORBID 1

**allow sb to do sth/let sb do sth**  
 ▶ CAN/CAN'T 5

**allow/enable** ▶ POSSIBLE 3

**allowance** ▶ MONEY 7

**allowed**  
*be allowed* ▶ LET/ALLOW 4  
*not be allowed to do sth* ▶ FORBID 2

**allude to** ▶ MENTION 1

**alluring** ▶ SEXY 1

**almost all/nearly all** ▶ MOST 1

**almost certain** ▶ PROBABLY 2

**almost didn't** ▶ JUST 3

**almost no** ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 2;  
 LITTLE 2, 7

**almost/nearly** ▶ ALMOST 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

**alone**  
*go it alone* ▶ INDEPENDENT 3  
*leave sth alone* ▶ TOUCH 6  
*leave/let well alone* ▶ INTERFERE 3

**alone/on your own/by yourself**  
 ▶ ALONE 1

**along** ▶ NEXT TO 1  
*all along* ▶ ALWAYS 3  
*go along with* ▶ AGREE 2  
*invite/ask sb along* ▶ INVITE 1  
*not get along* ▶ RELATIONSHIP 3

**along ... lines** ▶ WAY 8

**along different lines** ▶ DIFFERENT 9

**along with** ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 9

**alongside** ▶ NEXT TO 1; WITH/  
 TOGETHER 10

**aloof** ▶ UNFRIENDLY 2

**aloud**  
*read aloud/read out loud* ▶ READ 1  
*think aloud/think out loud* ▶ TALK 10

**already** ▶ NOW 1

**alright**  
*all right/alright* ▶ YES 3

**also** ▶ AND/ALSO 1

**alter** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 1, 5

**alteration** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
 CHANGE 16, 17

**altercation** ▶ FIGHT 4

**alternate** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
 CHANGE 13; SERIES 3; SHARE 2

**alternate days/weeks/years etc**  
 ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 1

**alternative** ▶ CHOOSE 8;  
 CONVENTIONAL/  
 UNCONVENTIONAL 2; DIFFERENT 5  
*have no alternative* ▶ MUST/DON'T  
 HAVE TO 1

**although/though** ▶ ALTHOUGH 1, 2

**altitude** ▶ HIGH 3

**altogether/in all** ▶ TOTAL 1

**altruistic** ▶ SELFISH/NOT SELFISH 3

**always** ▶ ALWAYS 1, 2, 4, 5  
*as ever/as always* ▶ USUALLY 2

**always/all the time** ▶ OFTEN 2

**amalgamate** ▶ UNITE 1, 4

**amass** ▶ GET 6

**amateur** ▶ PAY 16

**amateur dramatics** ▶ ACTOR/  
 ACTRESS 3

**amaze** ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 4

**amazed** ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 1

**amazement** ▶ SURPRISED/  
 SURPRISING 2

**amazing** ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 5

**amazing/incredible** ▶ GOOD 1

**ambassador** ▶ REPRESENT 4

**ambience** ▶ FEEL 8

**ambiguous** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 3;  
 MEANING 9

**ambition** ▶ AMBITIOUS 1;  
 DETERMINED 5; WANT/NOT WANT 8

**ambitious** ▶ AMBITIOUS 1

**amble** ▶ WALK 3

**ambush** ▶ ATTACK 2, 6

**amend** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 8

**amendment** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
 CHANGE 18

**amenities** ▶ PUBLIC SERVICES 1

**American**  
*be American/French/Japanese etc by  
 birth* ▶ COME FROM 1

**amiable** ▶ FRIENDLY 1

**amicable** ▶ FRIENDLY 3

**ammunition** ▶ WEAPON 1

**amnesia** ▶ FORGET 6

**amnesty** ▶ PUNISH 3

**among** ▶ BETWEEN 1; INCLUDE/NOT  
 INCLUDE 1

**amorphous** ▶ SHAPE 4

**amount** ▶ AMOUNT 1, 6; MONEY 4  
*a certain amount of* ▶ SOME/  
 SEVERAL 2  
*a small amount* ▶ LITTLE 1  
*a small amount of sth* ▶ LITTLE 6  
*quite a bit/a fair amount* ▶ LOT 1, 10

**amount to** ▶ MEANING 8; TOTAL 2

**amphibious** ▶ WATER 6

**ample** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 4;  
 LOT 4

**amputate** ▶ CUT 7

**amuse** ▶ LAUGH 5

**amused** ▶ FUNNY 4

**amusement** ▶ FUNNY 4

**amusing** ▶ FUNNY 1

**anachronism** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 7

**anaesthetize** ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 3

**analogy**  
*draw an analogy* ▶ COMPARE 1

**analyse** ▶ STUDY 3

**analysis** ▶ EXAMINE 3  
*in the final/last analysis* ▶ BASIC 4

**analyst**  
*systems analyst* ▶ COMPUTERS/  
 INTERNET/EMAIL 3

**analyst/therapist/psychotherapist**  
 ▶ DOCTOR 2

**analyze** ▶ EXAMINE 1

**ancestor** ▶ FAMILY 6

**ancestry**  
*be of Scottish/Russian etc ancestry*  
 ▶ COME FROM 1

**anchor** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 8

**ancient** ▶ OLD 1, 8, 8

**and** ▶ AND/ALSO 1  
*and another thing* ▶ AND/ALSO 2  
*and so on* ▶ AND/ALSO 3  
*and suchlike* ▶ AND/ALSO 3  
*and that's flat* ▶ REFUSE 2

**anecdote** ▶ STORY 1

**anger** ▶ ANGRY 7, 14

**angle** ▶ OPINION 2

**angle for** ▶ TRY 5

**angry** ▶ ANGRY 1, 5  
*get angry* ▶ ANGRY 6  
*make sb angry* ▶ ANGRY 7

**angst** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 7

**animate** ▶ ALIVE 1

**animated** ▶ ENERGETIC 2, 3;  
 EXPRESSION ON SB'S FACE 2  
*cartoon/animated film/animated  
 movie* ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2

**animosity** ▶ HATE 3

**annihilate** ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 3  
*crush/slaughter/massacre/annihilate*  
 ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 2

**announce** ▶ SAY 2; TELL 4

**announcement** ▶ SAY 11

**announcer** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 8

**annoy** ▶ ANGRY 7

**annoyance** ▶ ANGRY 14

**annoyed** ▶ ANGRY 1



**annoying** ▶ ANGRY 9  
**anonymous** ▶ NAME 9  
**another** ▶ ANOTHER 1; DIFFERENT 5; MORE 1; NEW 4  
*and another thing* ▶ AND/ALSO 2  
**another way**  
*to put it another way* ▶ EXPLAIN 2  
**answer** ▶ ANSWER 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9; SOLVE 2  
*give sb an answer* ▶ ANSWER 1  
*in response/answer/reply to sth* ▶ ANSWER 1, 2  
*make no reply/response/answer* ▶ ANSWER 7  
*no answer/reply/response* ▶ ANSWER 7  
*not answer* ▶ ANSWER 7  
*won't/wouldn't take no for an answer* ▶ INSIST 1  
**answer back/talk back** ▶ ANSWER 4  
**answer/reply in the affirmative** ▶ YES 1  
**answer/reply in the negative** ▶ NO 2  
**antagonism** ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 3  
**antagonistic** ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 1; UNFRIENDLY 1  
**antagonize** ▶ ANGRY 8  
**anti-** ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 1  
**anti-war** ▶ PEACE 4  
**anticipate** ▶ EXPECT 1  
**anticipation**  
*in expectation/anticipation of* ▶ EXPECT 3  
**anticlimactic**  
*be an anticlimax/be anticlimactic* ▶ DISAPPOINTED 2  
**anticlimax**  
*be an anticlimax/be anticlimactic* ▶ DISAPPOINTED 2  
**antics** ▶ BEHAVE 5  
**antidote** ▶ CURE 2  
**antiquated** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 2  
**antique** ▶ OLD 10, 10  
**antisocial** ▶ UNFRIENDLY 2  
**antithesis**  
*be the antithesis of* ▶ OPPOSITE 1  
**anxiety** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 7  
**anxious** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 1, 5  
*be anxious to do sth* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 2  
**any** ▶ ANYTHING/ANYBODY 1, 2  
*any day/any day now* ▶ SOON 2  
*any fool/idiot* ▶ ANYTHING/ANYBODY 2  
*any minute/moment/time now* ▶ SOON 2  
*any other business* ▶ SUBJECT 1  
*any Tom, Dick or Harry* ▶ ANYTHING/ANYBODY 2  
*at any moment/minute* ▶ SOON 2  
*at any time* ▶ EVER 1  
**anybody's guess**  
*it's anybody's guess* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 18  
**anyone**  
*more than anyone* ▶ ESPECIALLY 1  
*not tell anyone* ▶ TELL 13  
*you'd think/anyone would think* ▶ SEEM 3  
**anyone can do sth** ▶ EASY 2  
**anyone/anybody** ▶ ANYTHING/ANYBODY 2

**anything** ▶ ANYTHING/ANYBODY 1  
*do nothing/not do anything* ▶ DO/NOT DO 13  
*not have/want anything to do with* ▶ REJECT 7  
*nothing/not anything* ▶ NONE/NOTHING 1  
*would do anything/would give anything/would give your right arm* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 2  
**anywhere** ▶ EVERYWHERE 3  
*in the middle of nowhere/miles from anywhere/in the back of beyond* ▶ FAR 3  
*nowhere/not anywhere* ▶ PLACE 11  
**apart** ▶ DISTANCE 1; SEPARATE 1  
*be falling apart* ▶ CONDITION 4  
*can tell sb/sth apart* ▶ DIFFERENT 10  
*can't tell the difference/can't tell them apart* ▶ SAME 2  
*drift apart* ▶ SEPARATE 7  
*fall apart/come apart* ▶ BREAK 6  
*keep apart* ▶ SEPARATE 5  
*keep sb apart* ▶ SEPARATE 6  
*set sb/sth apart* ▶ DIFFERENT 11  
*take apart* ▶ SEPARATE 2  
*worlds apart/poles apart* ▶ DIFFERENT 2  
**apart from** ▶ EXCEPT 1  
**apartheid** ▶ SEPARATE 6  
**apartment** ▶ HOUSE 2  
*share a house/apartment/room/flat with* ▶ LIVE 3  
**apathetic** ▶ DON'T CARE 3; INTERESTED 6  
**ape** ▶ COPY 6  
**aperture** ▶ HOLE 1  
**apologetic**  
*be apologetic* ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 1  
**apologies**  
*please accept my apologies* ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 2  
**apologize** ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 1  
*I apologize* ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 2  
**apology** ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 1  
*I owe you an apology* ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 2  
**appalled** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 1  
**appalling**  
*awful/terrible/appalling/lousy* ▶ BAD 1  
**appalling/atrocious** ▶ BAD 4  
**apparatus** ▶ EQUIPMENT 1  
**apparent** ▶ SEEM 2  
**apparent/evident** ▶ OBVIOUS 1  
**apparently** ▶ SAY 12  
**apparition** ▶ GHOST 1  
**appeal** ▶ ASK 16, 17; ATTRACT/ATTRACTION 4  
*sex appeal* ▶ SEXY 1  
**appeal to** ▶ LIKE 1  
**appealing** ▶ ATTRACT/ATTRACTION 3; NICE 2  
**appear** ▶ APPEAR 1; ARRIVE 5; PERFORM/PERFORMANCE 1; SEE 5; SEEM 1  
*be/appear/perform in* ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 5  
**appear on** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 1  
**appearance** ▶ LOOK 9; SEEM 5  
*make an appearance/put in an appearance* ▶ GO 1

**appearances**  
*keep up appearances* ▶ PRETEND 1  
*to all appearances* ▶ SEEM 2  
**appetite** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 3; WANT/NOT WANT 6  
*give sb an appetite* ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 4  
*lose your appetite* ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 2  
*work up an appetite* ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 4  
**appetizing** ▶ DELICIOUS 3  
**applaud** ▶ CLAP 1  
**applause** ▶ CLAP 1  
**appliance** ▶ MACHINE 1  
**applicant** ▶ ASK 13  
**application** ▶ ASK 17; COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 2; USE 7  
**apply** ▶ ASK 13; PUT 7; USE 2  
**appoint** ▶ CHOOSE 4; JOB 7  
**apportion blame** ▶ BLAME 1  
**appreciate** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 1; THANK 3; UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 2; VALUE 5  
*I appreciate it* ▶ THANK 1  
**appreciation** ▶ THANK 3  
*show your appreciation* ▶ THANK 2  
**appreciative** ▶ THANK 3  
**apprehensive** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 1  
**apprentice** ▶ LEARN 3  
**approach** ▶ ASK 13, 17; CONTACT 1; DEAL WITH 4, 6; NEAR 8; TOWARDS 2, 3; WAY 1  
**approachable** ▶ FRIENDLY 1  
**approaching/nearing** ▶ ALMOST 1, 4  
**appropriate** ▶ SUITABLE 1  
*inappropriate/not appropriate* ▶ UNSUITABLE 1  
**approval** ▶ APPROVE 4  
**approve** ▶ ACCEPT 6; APPROVE 1  
*do not approve* ▶ DISAPPROVE 1  
**approximate** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 5; EXACT/NOT EXACT 7  
**approximately** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 1, 3  
**approximation** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 5  
**apt**  
*be apt to do sth* ▶ OFTEN 3  
**aptitude** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 4  
*have an aptitude for* ▶ GOOD AT 4  
**aquaplane** ▶ SLIDE 1  
**aquatic** ▶ WATER 6  
**arbitrary** ▶ CHANCE 3  
**arbitrate** ▶ JUDGE 4  
**arbitration** ▶ JUDGE 4  
**archaic** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 7  
**archetypal** ▶ TYPICAL 1  
**architect** ▶ BUILD/BUILDING 3; DESIGN 3; PLAN 4  
**architecture** ▶ BUILD/BUILDING 3  
**archives** ▶ RECORD 2  
**arctic** ▶ COLD 2  
**ardent** ▶ STRONG 6  
**arduous** ▶ DIFFICULT 3  
**area** ▶ AREA 1, 2, 4, 8, 9; SIZE 1  
*disaster/disaster area* ▶ UNTIDY 4  
*residential area* ▶ LIVE 6  
*surrounding area* ▶ AREA 3  
**argue** ▶ ARGUE 1; SAY 4



**argument** ▶ ARGUE 4; REASON 2  
**argumentative/quarrelsome**  
▶ ARGUE 6  
**arid** ▶ DRY 2  
**arise** ▶ HAPPEN 1; START 11  
**arise from** ▶ RESULT 4  
**aristocracy** ▶ CLASS 5  
**ark**  
*out of the ark* ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 7  
**arm** ▶ WEAPON 4  
*take sb by the arm/hand etc* ▶ HOLD 7  
*twist sb's arm* ▶ PERSUADE 3  
*would do anything/would give anything/would give your right arm*  
▶ WANT/NOT WANT 2  
**arm and a leg**  
*cost an arm and a leg* ▶ EXPENSIVE 2  
**armchair** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 9  
**armed** ▶ WEAPON 2  
*the armed forces* ▶ ARMY 1  
**arms** ▶ WEAPON 1  
*be up in arms* ▶ ANGRY 4  
*lay down arms* ▶ PEACE 2  
*put your arms around* ▶ HOLD 6  
*take sb in your arms* ▶ HOLD 6  
**army** ▶ ARMY 1, 3  
**aroma** ▶ SMELL 2  
**aromatic** ▶ SMELL 4  
**around** ▶ AROUND/ROUND 1, 4  
*ask around* ▶ ASK 2  
*be around* ▶ HERE/NOT HERE 2; PLACE 5; THERE/NOT THERE 2  
*come around* ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 25; WAKE UP/GET UP 1  
*come over/come around/come round*  
▶ VISIT 1  
*get around* ▶ AVOID 2; TRAVEL 8  
*get around sth* ▶ AVOID 1  
*get around to* ▶ DO/NOT DO 3  
*get around/go around* ▶ SPREAD 2  
*go around* ▶ SPREAD 3; TURN 1  
*go over/go around/go round*  
▶ VISIT 1  
*go/run/drive etc around and around*  
▶ TURN 1  
*have been around* ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 5  
*look around/take a look around/have a look around* ▶ LOOK 6  
*not be around* ▶ HERE/NOT HERE 3; THERE/NOT THERE 5  
**around in circles**  
*go around in circles* ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 3  
*go/run/drive etc around in circles*  
▶ TURN 1  
**around the clock** ▶ CONTINUE 6  
**around the corner** ▶ NEAR 3  
*be around the corner* ▶ SOON 3  
**around/near there** ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 1  
**arouse** ▶ CAUSE 5  
*raise/arouse expectations* ▶ EXPECT 4  
**aroused** ▶ SEX 10  
**arrange** ▶ ARRANGE 1, 3  
**arranged marriage** ▶ MARRY 5  
**arrangement** ▶ ARRANGE 2  
**arrangements** ▶ ARRANGE 6  
*make arrangements* ▶ PLAN 5  
*make the arrangements/take care of the arrangements* ▶ ARRANGE 3  
**arrears**  
*be in arrears* ▶ LATE 4; OWE 1

**arrest** ▶ CATCH 2  
*be under arrest* ▶ KEEP 11; PRISON 5  
**arrival** ▶ ARRIVE 3  
*new arrival* ▶ NEW 7  
*the arrival of* ▶ BEGINNING 4; START 11  
**arrive** ▶ ARRIVE 1, 2; BABY 4  
**arrogance** ▶ PROUD 6  
**arrogant** ▶ PROUD 2  
**arsenal** ▶ WEAPON 1  
**arson** ▶ FIRE 4  
**art** ▶ ART/CULTURE 1  
*fine art* ▶ ART/CULTURE 1  
*work of art* ▶ ART/CULTURE 2; GOOD 5  
**art form** ▶ ART/CULTURE 1  
**artefact/artifact** ▶ THING 1  
**article** ▶ LAW 3; NEWSPAPERS 2; THING 1  
**articulate** ▶ EXPRESS 2  
**artifact**  
*artefact/artifact* ▶ THING 1  
**artificial** ▶ ARTIFICIAL 1, 2; PRETEND 6  
**artist** ▶ ART/CULTURE 4; PAINT 2; PERFORM/PERFORMANCE 3  
**artistic** ▶ ART/CULTURE 3, 5; BEAUTIFUL 5  
**artistically** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 8  
**arts**  
*patron of the arts* ▶ ART/CULTURE 6  
*the arts* ▶ ART/CULTURE 1  
**arty** ▶ ART/CULTURE 6  
**as** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 5; TIME 17  
*as a (general) rule* ▶ USUALLY 1  
*as against* ▶ COMPARE 2  
*as ever/as always* ▶ USUALLY 2  
*as far as I know* ▶ THINK 12  
*as far as I'm aware* ▶ THINK 12  
*as far as I'm/we're concerned*  
▶ THINK 10  
*as if/as though* ▶ WAY 8  
*as it happens* ▶ CHANCE 1  
*as it is* ▶ SITUATION 3  
*as long as/provided (that)/providing (that)* ▶ IF 3  
*as luck would have it* ▶ CHANCE 1  
*as of now* ▶ NOW 5  
*as old/strong/long etc as* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 1  
*as per usual* ▶ USUALLY 2  
*as soon as/the moment (that)*  
▶ IMMEDIATELY 2  
*as usual* ▶ USUALLY 2  
*as well* ▶ AND/ALSO 1  
*be as old/long/strong etc as* ▶ SAME 3  
**ascend** ▶ UP 3, 5  
**ascent** ▶ CLIMB 1  
**ascertain** ▶ CHECK 1  
**ashamed** ▶ ASHAMED 1  
*be/feel ashamed* ▶ GUILTY 6  
*make sb (feel) ashamed*  
▶ ASHAMED 3  
**ashes** ▶ BODY 4  
*reduce sth to rubble/ashes etc*  
▶ DESTROY 1  
**ashore** ▶ LAND/GROUND 4  
**aside**  
*put/set sth aside for* ▶ KEEP 2  
*set aside* ▶ SAVE 1  
**ask** ▶ ASK 1, 9  
*don't ask me/how should I know?*  
▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 12  
*if you ask me* ▶ THINK 10

*invite/ask* ▶ INVITE 1  
*invite/ask sb along* ▶ INVITE 1  
**ask (sb) the time/ask (sb) what time it is** ▶ TIME 1  
**ask a favour** ▶ ASK 16  
**ask around** ▶ ASK 2  
**ask sb how to get to/ask sb the way/ask the way** ▶ DIRECTION 2  
**ask sb in/invite sb in** ▶ ENTER 2  
**ask sb out** ▶ INVITE 1  
**ask sb to do sth** ▶ TELL 17  
**asking**  
*be asking for it* ▶ DESERVE 2  
*be asking for trouble* ▶ RISK 4  
**asleep**  
*be asleep* ▶ SLEEP 1  
*fall asleep* ▶ SLEEP 3  
**aspect** ▶ PART 6; SUBJECT 2  
**aspirations** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 8  
**aspire to** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 5  
**aspiring** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 5  
**ass**  
*work your butt/ass off* ▶ WORK HARD 2  
**assassin** ▶ KILL 6  
**assassinate** ▶ KILL 1  
**assassination** ▶ KILL 2  
*character assassination*  
▶ REPUTATION 3  
**assault** ▶ ATTACK 1, 5, 6  
**assemble** ▶ GET 8; GROUP 9; MAKE 1; MEET 4  
**assert** ▶ SAY 3  
**assertive** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 1  
**assess** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 2; JUDGE 1  
**assessment** ▶ TEST 1  
**asset** ▶ ADVANTAGE 4  
**assets** ▶ MONEY 6; OWN 4  
**assign** ▶ WORK 12  
**assignment** ▶ WORK 10  
**assimilate** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 4  
**assist** ▶ HELP 1, 4  
**assistance** ▶ HELP 6  
*come to sb's aid/assistance* ▶ HELP 1  
*give help/assistance/support*  
▶ HELP 1  
**assistant** ▶ HELP 5; POSITION/RANK 6  
*sales assistant/shop assistant*  
▶ SELL 4; SHOP/STORE 5  
**associate** ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 5  
**associated** ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 1  
**association** ▶ ORGANIZATION 4  
**assorted** ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 1  
**assortment** ▶ GROUP 10  
*an assortment of sth* ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 1  
*collection/assortment* ▶ GROUP 3  
**assume** ▶ PRETEND 6; THINK 11  
**assume responsibility for**  
▶ RESPONSIBLE 3  
**assumed**  
*under an assumed name* ▶ NAME 3  
**assuming (that)** ▶ IF 3  
**assumption** ▶ THINK 11  
**assurance** ▶ PROMISE 2



**assurance/self-assurance**  
 ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 3  
**assure** ▶ PROMISE 1  
**assured**  
*be assured of* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 4  
**astonish/astound** ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 4  
**astonished/astounded**  
 ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 1  
**astounding/astounding**  
 ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 5  
**astonishment** ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 2  
**astound**  
*astonish/astound* ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 4  
**astounded**  
*astonished/astounded* ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 1  
**astounding**  
*astounding/astounding* ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 5  
**astray**  
*lead sb astray* ▶ BAD 12  
**astride**  
*sit astride* ▶ SIT 3  
**astronomical** ▶ EXPENSIVE 2  
**astute** ▶ INTELLIGENT 5  
**asylum** ▶ PROTECT 2  
**asylum-seeker** ▶ ENTER 6  
**asymmetrical** ▶ SHAPE 6  
**at** ▶ PLACE 4; TIME 4; TOWARDS 1  
*at first/initially* ▶ BEGINNING 2  
*at last* ▶ FINALLY 1  
*at once* ▶ TIME 16  
*at once/right away* ▶ IMMEDIATELY 1  
*be at* ▶ GO 2  
**atheist** ▶ BELIEVE 7  
**athlete** ▶ SPORT/GAME 5  
**athletic** ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 5  
**atmosphere** ▶ FEEL 8  
**atmospheric** ▶ WEATHER 2  
**atrocious**  
*appalling/atrocious* ▶ BAD 4  
**atrocities** ▶ CRUEL 4  
**atrocious** ▶ BAD 11  
**attach** ▶ ATTACH 1; COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 10; JOIN 1  
**attached**  
*be attached to* ▶ LIKE 2, 7  
*no strings attached* ▶ CONDITION 10  
**attachment** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 10  
**attack** ▶ ATTACK 1, 3, 5, 6; CRITICIZE 2, 5; ILLNESS/DISEASE 4  
*be under attack* ▶ ATTACK 8; CRITICIZE 3  
*launch an attack/mount an attack* ▶ ATTACK 3  
**attacker** ▶ ATTACK 7  
**attain** ▶ REACH 2  
**attainable** ▶ POSSIBLE 1  
**attempt** ▶ TRY 1, 7  
*make an attempt* ▶ TRY 1  
**attempted**  
*never been done/attempted/tried before* ▶ FIRST 5  
**attend** ▶ GO 1, 2; PARTY 4  
*see to/attend to* ▶ DEAL WITH 1  
**attend to** ▶ LOOK AFTER 5  
**attendance** ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 4  
*be in attendance* ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 3

**attention** ▶ ATTENTION 8  
*be the centre of attention*  
 ▶ ATTENTION 8  
*be the focus of attention*  
 ▶ ATTENTION 8  
*bring sth to sb's attention*  
 ▶ ATTENTION 7; TELL 1  
*come to sb's attention/notice* ▶ FIND OUT 1  
*divert/distract attention*  
 ▶ ATTENTION 9  
*draw attention away from*  
 ▶ ATTENTION 9  
*draw attention to yourself*  
 ▶ ATTENTION 6  
*draw/call attention to*  
 ▶ ATTENTION 7  
*focus attention on* ▶ ATTENTION 7  
*get/attract/receive attention*  
 ▶ ATTENTION 6, 8; NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 5  
*give sth/sb your undivided attention*  
 ▶ ATTENTION 2  
*hold your attention* ▶ INTERESTING 1  
*not draw attention* ▶ ATTENTION 9  
*not pay attention* ▶ ATTENTION 4, 5  
*pay attention* ▶ ATTENTION 1; LISTEN 1  
*pay attention to* ▶ ATTENTION 2; CAREFUL 6  
*pay no attention/not pay any attention*  
 ▶ IGNORE 1  
*stand to attention* ▶ STAND 3  
*turn your attention to* ▶ ATTENTION 2  
**attention span** ▶ ATTENTION 1  
**attentive** ▶ ATTENTION 1  
**attitude** ▶ OPINION 1; THINK 9  
**Attorney**  
*District Attorney/D.A.* ▶ ACCUSE 5  
**attract** ▶ ATTRACT/ATTRACTION 1, 2  
**attracted**  
*be attracted to* ▶ SEX 11  
**attraction** ▶ ATTRACT/ATTRACTION 4  
*tourist attraction* ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6  
**attractive** ▶ ATTRACT/ATTRACTION 3; BEAUTIFUL 1, 2, 5; GOOD 3; SEXY 1  
*unattractive/not attractive* ▶ UGLY 2  
**attractively** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 8  
**attribute** ▶ CHARACTER 2, 6  
**attribute sth to** ▶ CAUSE 9; RESULT 5  
**atypical** ▶ TYPICAL 4  
**au pair** ▶ LOOK AFTER 4  
**auction** ▶ SELL 3, 3  
*put sth up for auction* ▶ SELL 3  
**audible** ▶ HEAR 3  
**audience** ▶ LISTEN 5; TELEVISION/RADIO 9; WATCH 6  
**audition** ▶ TRY 5  
**augment** ▶ INCREASE 7  
**auspicious** ▶ HOPE 6  
**austere** ▶ SIMPLE 5  
**authentic** ▶ REAL 1  
**author** ▶ BOOKS 6; WRITE 6  
**authoritarian** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 1  
**authorities**  
*the authorities* ▶ GOVERNMENT 1  
**authority** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 4; ORGANIZATION 2; POWER/POWERFUL 1  
*in authority* ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 4  
**authorization** ▶ LET/ALLOW 8  
**authorize** ▶ LET/ALLOW 1  
**authorized** ▶ OFFICIAL 1  
**autobiography** ▶ BOOKS 4; STORY 6

**autograph** ▶ WRITE 8  
**automatic** ▶ MACHINE 3; THINK 6  
**automatically** ▶ THINK 6  
**autonomous** ▶ INDEPENDENT 7  
**autopsy** ▶ FIND OUT 8  
**available** ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 1, 3; USE 9  
*not available* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 8  
*unavailable/not available*  
 ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 5  
**avalanche**  
*deluge/avalanche of* ▶ LOT 6  
**avant-garde** ▶ MODERN 2  
**avenge** ▶ REVENGE 1  
**avenue** ▶ WAY 3  
**avenue/boulevard** ▶ ROAD/PATH 1  
**average** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 1, 3  
*grade point average/GPA* ▶ GRADE 1  
**averse**  
*not be averse to* ▶ LIKE 3  
**aversion** ▶ DISLIKE 5  
**avert** ▶ STOP 25  
**avert your eyes/gaze** ▶ LOOK 8  
**avid** ▶ ENJOY 4  
*voracious/avid reader* ▶ READ 7  
**avoid** ▶ AVOID 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; STOP 25  
**avoidable** ▶ STOP 32  
**await** ▶ WAIT 1  
**awake** ▶ CONSCIOUS 1; SLEEP 11; WAKE UP/GET UP 1  
*keep sb awake* ▶ SLEEP 12  
*lie awake* ▶ SLEEP 6  
**awakening**  
*rude awakening* ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 6  
**award** ▶ GIVE 3  
**awarded**  
*be awarded* ▶ GET 2  
**aware**  
*as far as I'm aware* ▶ THINK 12  
*be aware/conscious* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 11  
*be unaware/not be aware* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 14  
*be/become aware* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 1; REALIZE 1  
*become aware/conscious* ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 1  
**awash** ▶ WET 1  
**away** ▶ DISTANCE 1  
*a long way off/far off/far away*  
 ▶ FAR 2  
*at once/right away* ▶ IMMEDIATELY 1  
*be away* ▶ HERE/NOT HERE 3; HOME 6  
*be away/off* ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 5  
*be miles away* ▶ ATTENTION 4  
*far away* ▶ FAR 1  
*go away* ▶ DISAPPEAR 3; HOLIDAY/VACATION 5; LEAVE 1, 3  
**away/off** ▶ FUTURE 3  
**awe-inspiring** ▶ IMPRESS 4  
**awful**  
*terrible/awful/hopeless* ▶ BAD AT DOING STH 2  
**awful/terrible** ▶ BAD 1, 4  
**awful/terrible/horrible**  
 ▶ WEATHER 5  
**awfully/terribly/terrifically**  
 ▶ VERY 2  
**awkward** ▶ CLUMSY 2; DIFFICULT 5, 7; EMBARRASSED/EMBARRASSING 1  
*difficult/awkward* ▶ PROBLEM 11



**awkward position***be in a difficult/awkward position*

► PROBLEM 7

**awkward/difficult** ► CONVENIENT 4**AWOL***go AWOL* ► LEAVE 26**b****babble** ► TALK 8**babe in the woods** ► EXPERIENCED/  
NOT EXPERIENCED 6**baby** ► BABY 1, 2*be going to have a baby/be having a  
baby* ► BABY 7*have a baby/have twins/have kittens  
etc* ► BABY 5*lose the baby* ► BABY 10*unborn child/baby* ► BABY 3**babysit** ► LOOK AFTER 1**babysitter** ► LOOK AFTER 4**bachelor** ► MARRY 12**back** ► BACK 1, 3, 6; GAMBLING 1;  
REACT 2; RETURN 1; SUPPORT 3  
*(back) then/at one time* ► PAST 3  
*a little while back* ► RECENTLY 1  
*at the back* ► BACK 6; BEHIND 1  
*be back* ► RETURN 1  
*be glad/happy to see the back of*  
► GET RID OF 6*be on sb's back* ► FORCE SB TO DO  
STH 1*be pushed/moved/put back* ► LATER 2*bring back memories/take sb back*  
► REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 3*call back* ► TELEPHONE 3*come back* ► RETURN 1*come back to* ► REMEMBER 2*come flooding back* ► REMIND/MAKE  
SB REMEMBER 3*finance/back* ► PAY 11*get sth back* ► GET 11*get/pay sb back* ► REVENGE 1*get/put sb's back up* ► OFFEND 1*give back* ► GIVE 11*go back* ► PAST 4; RETURN 1*go back to* ► COME FROM 6*go back to/get back to* ► AGAIN 4*go back to/return to* ► AGAIN 3;  
CONTINUE 8*go back to/revert to* ► CONTINUE 10*go/get back to* ► CONTINUE 9*hit back/strike back* ► ATTACK 4*in the back* ► BACK 6*return/go back* ► RETURN 2*slap/clap sb on the back* ► HIT 6*talk about sb behind their back*  
► TALK 6*the back* ► BACK 4, 5*there and back* ► RETURN 4*there is no going back* ► CHANGE/  
NOT CHANGE 31*think back/look back* ► REMEMBER 1*turn your back* ► TURN 6**back away** ► BACK 2**back burner***put sth on ice/put sth on the back  
burner* ► LATER 2**back down** ► ACCEPT 4**back of beyond***in the middle of nowhere/miles from  
anywhere/in the back of beyond*

► FAR 3

**back on your feet***be back on your feet (again)*

► RECOVER 3

**back out of/through/towards etc**

► BACK 2

**back sb up** ► SUPPORT 3**back street** ► ROAD/PATH 1**back talk** ► ANSWER 4**back then***in those days/back then* ► THEN 2**back to front** ► WRONG 4**back to normal***be back to normal* ► RECOVER 5*get back to normal/return to normal*

► NORMAL/ORDINARY 5

**back together***be back together* ► WITH/TOGETHER 8**back up** ► BACK 2, 3; COPY 1;

PROVE 1

**back-breaking***backbreaking/back-breaking*

► DIFFICULT 3

**back-up/backup** ► HELP 6**backache***headache/toothache/backache/**stomach ache* ► PAIN 1**backbreaking/back-breaking**

► DIFFICULT 3

**backdrop** ► BEHIND 2**backer** ► MONEY 15**backfire** ► FAIL 3**background** ► BEHIND 2; CLASS 4;  
COME FROM 3; FAMILY 1; PICTURE 5  
*in the background* ► BEHIND 2**backhander** ► MONEY 11**backhander/bung** ► PAY 5**backing** ► SUPPORT 4**backlash** ► REACT 3**backpacker** ► TRAVEL 11**backpacking** ► TRAVEL 3**backtrack** ► CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 24**backup***back-up/backup* ► HELP 6**backup copy/backup** ► COPY 4**backwards** ► BACK 1; ORDER 3*a step backwards* ► PROGRESS/  
MAKE PROGRESS 5*bend over backwards to do sth*

► TRY 6

**backyard***in your own backyard* ► NEAR 2**bad** ► BAD 1, 4, 5, 7, 13; BAD AT  
DOING STH 1; DIFFICULT 8; FRESH/  
NOT FRESH 2; SERIOUS 1; WRONG 1  
*a bad time* ► CONVENIENT 4; TIME 15  
*be bad for* ► CONVENIENT 4; EFFECT/  
AFFECT 2; HARM 1, 3*be bad for you/be bad for your health*

► HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 8

*go from bad to worse* ► WORSE 2*go off/go bad* ► FRESH/NOT FRESH 2*not bad* ► GOOD ENOUGH 1*too bad* ► UNFORTUNATELY 1**bad example***set a bad example/be a bad example*

► BAD 12

**bad influence***be a bad influence* ► BAD 12**bad luck** ► SYMPATHIZE 4;  
UNLUCKY 5**bad manners** ► RUDE 1**bad mood***be in a bad mood* ► ANGRY 3**bad move***be a bad move* ► MISTAKE 3**bad name***give sb/sth a bad name*

► REPUTATION 3

**bad patch***a bad patch* ► TIME 12**bad points***good points/bad points*

► CHARACTER 2, 6

**bad start***get off to a bad start* ► START 9**bad time***a bad time/not a good time* ► TIME 15*come at a bad time/come at the wrong  
time/not come at a good time*

► TIME 15

**bad way***be in a bad way* ► ILL/SICK 1**bad weather** ► WEATHER 5**bad-mannered/ill-mannered**

► RUDE 1

**bad-tempered** ► ANGRY 11**bad/foul language** ► RUDE 6**bad/terrible/dreadful etc****experience** ► EXPERIENCE 2**badly** ► BAD AT DOING STH 1*do (sth) badly* ► DO/NOT DO 12*go badly/not go well* ► PROGRESS/  
MAKE PROGRESS 3*think badly of* ► DISAPPROVE 1**badly behaved** ► BAD 7; BEHAVE 3**badly made** ► BAD 2**badly off** ► POOR 1**badly organized** ► ORGANIZE 3**badly run** ► ORGANIZE 3**badly timed/ill-timed** ► TIME 15**badly written** ► READ 14**badly-paid***be badly-paid* ► EARN 6**badly-run** ► EFFICIENT/NOT  
EFFICIENT 5**badly/seriously etc affect**

► EFFECT/AFFECT 2

**baffle** ► CONFUSED 4; SOLVE 6**baffled** ► CONFUSED 2**baffling** ► CONFUSED 3;

UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 11

**bag***it's in the bag* ► CERTAINLY/  
DEFINITELY 4*let the cat out of the bag* ► TELL 12*mixed bag* ► VARIOUS/OF  
DIFFERENT KINDS 4**bag-lady** ► HOME 9**baggy** ► LOOSE 1**bags of** ► LOT 4**bail out** ► ESCAPE 1; SAVE 7**bake** ► COOK 2**bakery** ► SHOP/STORE 2**baking/baking hot** ► HOT 3**balance** ► BALANCE 1, 2, 3; EQUAL/  
NOT EQUAL 5, 6*be/hang in the balance*

► UNCERTAIN 2

*keep your balance* ► BALANCE 1*lose your balance* ► BALANCE 4;  
FALL 2*on balance* ► IN GENERAL 2*redress the balance* ► EQUAL/NOT  
EQUAL 5*strike a balance* ► EQUAL/NOT  
EQUAL 5**balance out** ► EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 5



**balanced** ▶ FAIR 1  
**ball** ▶ DANCE 4; ROUND 3  
*get/start/set the ball rolling*  
 ▶ START 13  
*have a blast/have a ball* ▶ ENJOY 1  
*the ball is in your court* ▶ DECIDE 4  
**ball game**  
*be a whole new ball game*  
 ▶ DIFFERENT 2  
**ballistic**  
*go ballistic/go bananas/go berserk*  
 ▶ ANGRY 6  
**ballot** ▶ VOTE 1, 3  
**ballot box**  
*the ballot box* ▶ VOTE 1  
**ballot-rigging** ▶ CHEAT 4  
**ballpark**  
*be in the right ballpark* ▶ ABOUT/  
 APPROXIMATELY 4  
**ballpark figure** ▶ ABOUT/  
 APPROXIMATELY 5  
**ban** ▶ FORBID 1, 3, 5, 7  
*bar/ban* ▶ ENTER 9  
**banal** ▶ BORING/BORED 1  
**bananas**  
*go ballistic/go bananas/go berserk*  
 ▶ ANGRY 6  
**band** ▶ GROUP 5; LINE 2  
**bandwagon**  
*jump/climb/hop/get on the*  
*bandwagon* ▶ COPY 8; TAKE PART/  
 BE INVOLVED 2  
**bang** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 4; HIT 8;  
 SOUND 5, 8  
**bang on six/midnight etc/dead on**  
**six/midnight etc** ▶ EXACT/NOT  
 EXACT 1  
**bang/bash** ▶ HIT 4  
**bang/dead on** ▶ TIME 2  
**bang/dead on time** ▶ ON TIME 1  
**banish** ▶ LEAVE 18  
**bank** ▶ LINE 6; SIDE 2  
*it won't break the bank* ▶ CHEAP 1  
**bankroll** ▶ PAY 11  
**bankrupt** ▶ MONEY 17  
*go bankrupt/go bust* ▶ FAIL 8  
**banned** ▶ FORBID 6  
**banner ad** ▶ ADVERTISING 3  
**banquet** ▶ MEAL 5  
**bar** ▶ EXCEPT 1; FORBID 5; PIECE 2;  
 SHUT 5  
*a bar to sth* ▶ STOP 29  
**bar/ban** ▶ ENTER 9  
**barbaric** ▶ CRUEL 2  
**barbecue** ▶ MEAL 6  
**bare** ▶ CLOTHES 12; EMPTY 2  
**barely** ▶ JUST 1, 3, 6  
*be barely 10/18/21 etc* ▶ JUST 2  
*can hardly/barely* ▶ DIFFICULT 10;  
 JUST 5  
*had hardly/barely* ▶ IMMEDIATELY 2  
**barely any**  
*hardly/barely any* ▶ LITTLE 2, 3, 7  
**bargain** ▶ CHEAP 3  
*keep your side of the bargain*  
 ▶ PROMISE 4  
*strike/make a bargain* ▶ AGREE 3  
**bargain for**  
*more than you (had) bargained for*  
 ▶ EXPECT 8  
**bargain with** ▶ CHEAP 8  
**bargaining** ▶ DISCUSS 2  
**barge** ▶ PUSH 5

**barge in** ▶ ENTER 1  
**barge pole**  
*I wouldn't touch it with a barge pole*  
 ▶ REJECT 7  
**barmy**  
*mad/barmy* ▶ CRAZY 1  
**barrack** ▶ INTERRUPT 2  
**barrage** ▶ SHOOT 5  
**barrel**  
*lock, stock, and barrel* ▶ ALL/  
 EVERYTHING 2  
**barren** ▶ GROW 7  
**barrier** ▶ STOP 30  
**barring** ▶ IF 4  
**barter** ▶ EXCHANGE 1  
**base** ▶ BOTTOM 1  
**based**  
*be based* ▶ PLACE 9  
**based on**  
*be based on* ▶ COME FROM 6;  
 DEPEND/IT DEPENDS 1  
**bash** ▶ HIT 1, 8; PARTY 1  
*bang/bash* ▶ HIT 4  
*have a go/bash* ▶ TRY 8  
**bashful** ▶ SHY 1  
**basic** ▶ BASIC 1; SIMPLE 2, 5  
**basically** ▶ BASIC 4  
**basically/essentially** ▶ MEANING 8  
**basics** ▶ BASIC 3; IMPORTANT 6  
**basis** ▶ BASIC 2  
**bask in** ▶ ENJOY 8  
**bass** ▶ LOW 2  
**bat**  
*as blind as a bat* ▶ SEE 12  
*right off/right off the bat*  
 ▶ IMMEDIATELY 3  
**batch** ▶ GROUP 3, 10  
**bath** ▶ WASH 2  
*be in the bath* ▶ WASH 2  
*have a bath* ▶ WASH 2  
**bathroom** ▶ TOILET 1  
*go to the toilet/bathroom/loo etc*  
 ▶ TOILET 2  
**batter** ▶ HIT 2  
**battered** ▶ CONDITION 4, 5  
**battle** ▶ FIGHT 5, 9; WAR 1  
*the field (of battle)* ▶ WAR 5  
**battle/fight** ▶ COMPETE WITH 3  
**battlefield** ▶ WAR 5  
**bawl** ▶ CRY 1; SHOUT 1  
**be** ▶ BE 1; BEHAVE 1; COLOUR 2;  
 COST 2; HAPPEN 1; MEASURE 4;  
 PLACE 8, 9; WORK 7  
*feel/be* ▶ FEEL 1, 6  
*the be all and end all* ▶ IMPORTANT 5  
**beach** ▶ LAND/GROUND 6  
**beam** ▶ LIGHT 1; SMILE 1  
**beans**  
*be full of beans* ▶ ENERGETIC 2  
*spill the beans* ▶ TELL 11  
**bear** ▶ CARRY 1; STAND 5; SUPPORT 7  
*can't stand/can't bear* ▶ HATE 2  
*grin and bear it* ▶ STAND 5  
**bear a grudge** ▶ DISLIKE 2  
**bear fruit** ▶ SUCCEED/  
 SUCCESSFUL 3  
**bear no relation to** ▶ DIFFERENT 2  
**bear out** ▶ PROVE 1  
**bear with me** ▶ WAIT 2  
**bear/hold a grudge** ▶ FORGIVE/NOT  
 FORGIVE 4  
**bear/keep in mind** ▶ REMEMBER 7  
**bearable** ▶ STAND 6

**bearing**  
*have no bearing on sth*  
 ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 7  
**bearings**  
*lose your bearings* ▶ LOST 2  
**beat** ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 1; BETTER 1;  
 HIT 2, 5; MIX 1; MUSIC 1  
**beat about the bush** ▶ AVOID 4  
**beat it/take a hike/bug off**  
 ▶ LEAVE 3  
**beat sb down** ▶ CHEAP 8  
**beat sb to it** ▶ BEFORE 8  
**beat sb unconscious/beat sb**  
**senseless** ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 4  
**beat the rap** ▶ PUNISH 7  
**beat up** ▶ HIT 2  
**beat up on** ▶ HIT 2  
**beat/kick/stab etc sb to death**  
 ▶ KILL 1  
**beat/pooped/bushed** ▶ TIRED/  
 TIRING 1  
**beaten**  
*be beaten* ▶ LOSE 3  
**beaten track**  
*off the beaten track* ▶ FAR 3  
**beating**  
*give sb a beating* ▶ HIT 5  
*take a beating* ▶ LOSE 3  
**beats**  
*(it) beats me* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 12;  
 UNDERSTAND/NOT  
 UNDERSTAND 10  
**beautiful** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1, 3, 4, 5, 6  
**beautiful/glorious** ▶ GOOD 6;  
 WEATHER 4  
**beautifully** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 8  
**beauty** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 7  
*a woman of great beauty*  
 ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1  
*the beauty of* ▶ ADVANTAGE 1  
**beauty spot** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 6  
**beaver away** ▶ WORK HARD 1  
**because** ▶ BECAUSE 1  
**because of** ▶ RESULT 4  
**beck and call**  
*be at sb's beck and call* ▶ OBEY 5  
**beckon** ▶ SIGN 4  
**become** ▶ BECOME 1, 2, 3  
**bed** ▶ BOTTOM 3  
*be in bed* ▶ SLEEP 4  
*get out of bed* ▶ WAKE UP/GET UP 3  
*get sb into bed* ▶ SEX 5  
*get sb up/get sb out of bed* ▶ WAKE  
 UP/GET UP 2  
*get up on the wrong side of the bed*  
 ▶ ANGRY 3  
*go to bed* ▶ SEX 4; SLEEP 4  
*put sb to bed* ▶ SLEEP 10  
*stay in bed* ▶ WAKE UP/GET UP 4  
**bed and breakfast** ▶ STAY 7  
**bedraggled** ▶ UNTIDY 2  
**bedtime** ▶ SLEEP 4  
**beefy** ▶ FAT 1  
**beeline**  
*make a beeline for* ▶ TOWARDS 2  
**beep** ▶ SOUND 12  
**beer gut** ▶ FAT 5  
**before** ▶ BEFORE 1, 2, 3, 5; IF 4  
*come before* ▶ BEFORE 5, 7  
*just before/after* ▶ TIME 2  
*never been done/attempted/tried*  
*before* ▶ FIRST 5



*the day/week/month/year before*  
▶ BEFORE 6  
*the one before* ▶ BEFORE 4, 5  
**before I start** ▶ FIRST 3  
**before it's too late** ▶ ON TIME 3  
**before long** ▶ SOON 1  
**before you know it** ▶ SOON 2  
**before your (very) eyes** ▶ SEE 3  
**beforehand** ▶ BEFORE 1  
**befriend** ▶ FRIEND 5  
**beg** ▶ ASK 11, 14  
*I beg your pardon* ▶ SORRY/  
APOLOGIZE 2  
**beggars can't be choosers**  
▶ ACCEPT 5  
**begin** ▶ START 1  
*start by/begin by* ▶ START 2  
*start with/begin with* ▶ START 2  
*start/begin* ▶ START 5, 10  
*to start with/to begin with*  
▶ BEGINNING 2; FIRST 3  
**begin to understand**  
▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 6  
**beginner** ▶ LEARN 3  
**beginning** ▶ BEGINNING 6  
*at the beginning/start*  
▶ BEGINNING 2  
*from start to finish/from beginning to  
end* ▶ ALWAYS 3  
*from the beginning/start*  
▶ BEGINNING 5  
*the beginning* ▶ BEGINNING 1  
**behalf**  
*on behalf of sb/on sb's behalf*  
▶ INSTEAD 2; REPRESENT 1  
**behave** ▶ BEHAVE 1, 2  
**behave badly** ▶ BEHAVE 3  
**behave towards** ▶ BEHAVE 6  
**behaviour** ▶ BEHAVE 5  
*be on your best behaviour*  
▶ BEHAVE 2  
**behind**  
*be behind* ▶ FINISH 10; LATE 5;  
LOSE 5; SUPPORT 3  
*be behind schedule* ▶ LATE 5  
*be behind with* ▶ LATE 4; OWE 1  
*fall/drop behind* ▶ SLOW 5  
*lag behind* ▶ SLOW 5  
*lie behind* ▶ REASON 4  
*put sth behind you* ▶ FORGET 4  
**behind closed doors** ▶ SECRET 5  
**behind sb's back** ▶ SECRET 5;  
UNKIND 2  
*talk about sb behind their back*  
▶ TALK 6  
**behind the times** ▶ OLD-  
FASHIONED 6  
**being**  
*come into being/existence* ▶ START 11  
*for the time being* ▶ TEMPORARY 2  
**belabour**  
*labour/belabour the point* ▶ TALK 7  
**belated** ▶ LATE 4  
**belief** ▶ BELIEVE 8  
*mistaken belief* ▶ BELIEVE 9  
**belief in yourself** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT  
CONFIDENT 3  
**beliefs** ▶ RELIGION 3  
**believable** ▶ BELIEVE 5  
**believe** ▶ BELIEVE 1; THINK 8, 11  
*can't believe* ▶ SURPRISED/  
SURPRISING 1  
*I think/believe* ▶ THINK 10

*make believe* ▶ PRETEND 4  
*not believe in sth* ▶ AGAINST/  
OPPOSE 1  
*think/believe* ▶ THINK 11  
**believe in** ▶ APPROVE 1; BELIEVE 7  
**believer**  
*be a great/firm believer in*  
▶ APPROVE 2  
**belittle** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 6  
**bell**  
*ring a bell* ▶ REMEMBER 3  
**belligerent** ▶ FIGHT 3  
**bellow** ▶ SHOUT 1  
**bells**  
*set (the) alarm bells ringing*  
▶ WARN 3  
**belly**  
*pot belly* ▶ FAT 5  
**belong**  
*be a member of/belong to*  
▶ MEMBER 2  
*go/belong* ▶ PLACE 10  
*not belong/not fit in* ▶ DIFFERENT 4  
**belong to** ▶ OWN 2  
**belongings** ▶ OWN 4  
**below** ▶ LESS 2; UNDER/BELOW 2  
**below ground**  
*underground/below ground*  
▶ UNDER/BELOW 3  
**belt**  
*tighten your belt* ▶ SPEND MONEY/  
TIME 4  
**belt out** ▶ SING 1  
**bemused** ▶ CONFUSED 1  
**benchmark** ▶ JUDGE 7  
**bend** ▶ BEND 1, 2, 3, 7, 8; TURN 9  
*drive sb round the bend/twist*  
▶ CRAZY 5  
*go round the bend* ▶ CRAZY 3  
**bend down** ▶ BEND 2  
**bend over** ▶ BEND 2  
**bend over backwards to do sth**  
▶ TRY 6  
**bend the rules** ▶ LET/ALLOW 7  
**beneath** ▶ UNDER/BELOW 1, 2, 3, 4  
*be beneath* ▶ PROUD 4  
**benefactor** ▶ GIVE 5  
**beneficial** ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 6;  
HELP 4  
**benefit** ▶ ADVANTAGE 1; HELP 3;  
MONEY 7  
**benefit of the doubt**  
*give sb the benefit of the doubt*  
▶ BELIEVE 1  
**benefits**  
*fringe benefits* ▶ EARN 9  
**bent** ▶ BEND 6; DISHONEST 1  
**bequeath** ▶ GIVE 9  
**bereaved** ▶ DIE 7  
**berserk**  
*go ballistic/go bananas/go berserk*  
▶ ANGRY 6  
*go berserk* ▶ CRAZY 4  
**beside** ▶ COMPARE 2; NEXT TO 1  
*that's beside the point* ▶ CONNECTED  
WITH/RELATED 7  
**besides** ▶ AND/ALSO 1, 2  
**besiege** ▶ ATTACK 3  
**besotted**  
*be besotted* ▶ LOVE 1  
**best** ▶ BEST 1  
*All the best/Best wishes/With best  
wishes* ▶ LETTER 3  
*as best you can* ▶ TRY 3

*at your best* ▶ BEST 4  
*be on your best behaviour*  
▶ BEHAVE 2  
*do the best you can* ▶ TRY 3  
*do/try your best* ▶ TRY 3  
*hope for the best* ▶ HOPE 1  
*like best* ▶ FAVOURITE 1  
*make the best of it/make the best of a  
bad situation* ▶ ACCEPT 5  
*the best* ▶ BEST 2  
*the best part* ▶ BEST 3  
*the best thing is to ...* ▶ ADVISE 2  
*the better part of/best part of*  
▶ MOST 1  
*to the best of my knowledge*  
▶ THINK 12  
*to the best of your ability* ▶ TRY 3  
*your best bet* ▶ DEAL WITH 6  
**best friend** ▶ FRIEND 2  
**best man** ▶ MARRY 9  
**best shot**  
*give sth your best shot* ▶ TRY 3  
**best-seller** ▶ BOOKS 1; POPULAR 2;  
SELL 12  
**best-selling** ▶ SELL 12  
**bet**  
*I bet* ▶ GUESS 2; SURE/NOT SURE 1  
*I bet/my bet is* ▶ EXPECT 2  
*it's a safe bet/it's a sure bet/it's a sure  
thing* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 4  
*your best bet* ▶ DEAL WITH 6  
**bet/have a bet** ▶ GAMBLING 1  
**betray** ▶ BETRAY 1, 2, 3; SHOW 14  
**better** ▶ BETTER 1, 4  
*be better* ▶ RECOVER 3  
*do better* ▶ BETTER 3, 5  
*feel better* ▶ RECOVER 1  
*get better* ▶ IMPROVE 1; RECOVER 1  
*get the better of* ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 1  
*had better (do sth)* ▶ SHOULD/UGHT  
TO 1, 2  
*like better* ▶ PREFER 1  
*make sb (feel) better* ▶ CURE 1  
*make sb feel better* ▶ COMFORT/  
MAKE SB FEEL BETTER 1  
*make sth better* ▶ IMPROVE 2  
*the better part of/best part of*  
▶ MOST 1  
*you'd better* ▶ WARN 2  
**better days**  
*has seen better days* ▶ CONDITION 4  
**better late than never** ▶ LATE 2  
**better off**  
*you'd be better off* ▶ ADVISE 2  
**between** ▶ BETWEEN 1  
*come between* ▶ ARGUE 8  
*in between* ▶ BETWEEN 1  
**between the lines**  
*read between the lines* ▶ MEANING 6  
**between you and me** ▶ TELL 16  
**beverage** ▶ DRINK 4  
**beware** ▶ WARN 2  
**bewildered** ▶ CONFUSED 1  
**bewildering** ▶ CONFUSED 3  
**beyond** ▶ MORE 2  
**beyond a shadow of a doubt**  
▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 1  
**beyond dispute**  
*be beyond dispute* ▶ CERTAINLY/  
DEFINITELY 1  
**beyond me**  
*be a mystery to me/be beyond me/beats  
me* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 10  
**beyond recognition** ▶ RECOGNIZE 3



**beyond repair**

*be beyond repair* ▶ REPAIR 4

**beyond reproach**

*be above/beyond reproach* ▶ GOOD 9

**beyond sb's control**

*be beyond sb's control* ▶ CONTROL/  
NOT CONTROL 10

**biased** ▶ UNFAIR 1, 3**bibliography** ▶ LIST 3**bicker** ▶ ARGUE 2**bid** ▶ OFFER 3, 4

*make a bid for* ▶ TRY 5

**bid sb farewell** ▶ GOODBYE 3**big** ▶ BIG 1, 3, 7; IMPORTANT 1

*be big* ▶ POPULAR 1

*be too big/small* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 2

*get too big for your boots* ▶ PROUD 2

*great big* ▶ BIG 2

*how big* ▶ BIG 8; SIZE 1

**big deal**

*it's no big deal / it's not a big deal*  
▶ UNIMPORTANT 2

**big eater** ▶ EAT 11**big money** ▶ MONEY 5**big name** ▶ FAMOUS 5**big spender** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 6**big-headed** ▶ BOAST 2; PROUD 2**big/large** ▶ BIG 4; FAT 1**bigger**

*get bigger* ▶ BIG 9; GROW 1

**biggish** ▶ BIG 1**bigot** ▶ PREJUDICED 3**bigoted** ▶ PREJUDICED 1**bigotry** ▶ PREJUDICED 2**bike**

*by car/bike etc* ▶ DRIVE 2

**bilingual** ▶ LANGUAGE 4; SPEAK 3**bill** ▶ LAW 1; PAY 14, 15

*fit the bill* ▶ SUITABLE 2

*foot the bill* ▶ PAY 1

**bimbo** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 6**bind** ▶ TIE/UNTIE 2**biography** ▶ BOOKS 4; STORY 5**birth** ▶ BABY 4

*be American/French/Japanese etc by  
birth* ▶ COME FROM 1

*give birth* ▶ BABY 5

*place of birth* ▶ COME FROM 2

*the birth of* ▶ BEGINNING 4

**birth control/family planning**

▶ BABY 11

**birthday**

*in your birthday suit* ▶ CLOTHES 12

**birthmark** ▶ MARK 3**birthplace** ▶ COME FROM 2, 7**birthright** ▶ RIGHT 11**bisexual** ▶ GAY 1**bit** ▶ PART 1, 3, 5; PIECE 1

*a bit* ▶ SHORT 9; TIME 9

*a little bit* ▶ LITTLE 1, 3, 6, 8, 9

*do your bit* ▶ HELP 1

*know a little (bit) about* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 7

*quite a bit* ▶ LOT 1, 10, 14

**bit by bit**

*little by little/bit by bit* ▶ SLOW 2

**bitch about** ▶ CRITICIZE 4**bitchy** ▶ UNKIND 2**bite** ▶ BITE 1, 2, 3; MEAL 10

*give sb a bite* ▶ BITE 2

*grab something/a bite to eat* ▶ EAT 2

*take a bite* ▶ BITE 1

**bite into** ▶ BITE 1**bite off** ▶ BITE 1**bite the bullet** ▶ ACCEPT 5**bite your tongue** ▶ SAY 10**bits**

*break into pieces/bits* ▶ BREAK 6

*fall to bits/pieces* ▶ BREAK 6

**bits and pieces** ▶ THING 2**bitter** ▶ TASTE 4

*bitterly cold/bitter* ▶ COLD 2

*have a sweet/strong/bitter etc taste*  
▶ TASTE 2

**bitter end**

*to the bitter end* ▶ FINISH 6

**bitterly cold/bitter** ▶ COLD 2**bizarre** ▶ STRANGE 1, 2**blab** ▶ TELL 11**black**

*be in the black* ▶ OWE 8

*pitch dark/pitch black* ▶ DARK 1

**black and white** ▶ COLOUR 7

*see things in black and white*  
▶ SIMPLE 4

**black magic** ▶ MAGIC 1**black market** ▶ SELL 2**black out/have a blackout**

▶ UNCONSCIOUS 2

**blacklist** ▶ FORBID 1**blackmail** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 2;  
THREATEN 2

*emotional blackmail* ▶ FORCE SB TO  
DO STH 1

**blackout**

*black out/have a blackout*  
▶ UNCONSCIOUS 2

**blame** ▶ BLAME 1

*apportion blame* ▶ BLAME 1

*be to blame* ▶ FAULT 3

*get the blame/get blamed* ▶ BLAME 2

*I don't blame sb* ▶ RIGHT 6

*not be to blame* ▶ FAULT 4

*only have yourself to blame*  
▶ FAULT 3

*put/lay/place the blame on*

▶ BLAME 1

*shift the blame* ▶ BLAME 4

*take the blame* ▶ BLAME 2

**blame yourself** ▶ FAULT 3; GUILTY 6**blameless** ▶ INNOCENT 1**blanche**

*give sb carte blanche* ▶ LET/ALLOW 6

**bland** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 2;  
TASTE 8**blank** ▶ EMPTY 4; EXPRESSION ON  
SB'S FACE 3; IGNORE 2

*draw a blank* ▶ FAIL 1

*your mind goes blank* ▶ FORGET 2

**blank cheque**

*give sb a blank cheque* ▶ LET/  
ALLOW 6

**blanket** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 3

*wet blanket* ▶ SPOIL 6

**blare/blare out** ▶ LOUD 4**blasé** ▶ DON'T CARE 3**blast** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 7;  
EXPLODE 5

*at full blast/at full volume* ▶ LOUD 2

*be a blast* ▶ ENJOY 3

*have a blast/have a ball* ▶ ENJOY 1

**blast off** ▶ UP 4**blast/blast out** ▶ LOUD 4**blatant** ▶ OBVIOUS 3**blaze** ▶ FIRE 1; SHINE/SHINY 1**blazing** ▶ BRIGHT 2; BURN 6**bleach** ▶ COLOUR 8**bleak** ▶ HOPE 9; SAD 4**bleary-eyed** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 4**bleeding**

*be bleeding* ▶ HURT/INJURE 2

**bleeds**

*my heart bleeds (for sb)*

▶ SYMPATHIZE 2

**blemish** ▶ MARK 3**blend** ▶ MIX 1, 5, 6**blend in** ▶ SUIT/LOOK GOOD  
TOGETHER 2**blend into/blend in with**

▶ DISAPPEAR 2

**blessed**

*be blessed with* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 4

**blessing** ▶ APPROVE 4**blind** ▶ SEE 10, 11

*as blind as a bat* ▶ SEE 12

**blind drunk** ▶ DRUNK 3**blind eye**

*turn a blind eye* ▶ IGNORE 3

**blind faith** ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 3**blind obedience** ▶ OBEY 4**blind spot** ▶ SEE 6**blindfolded**

*can do sth with your eyes shut/  
standing on your head/blindfolded*  
▶ EASY 4

**blinding** ▶ BRIGHT 2**blindingly/perfectly/quite obvious**  
▶ OBVIOUS 2**blink** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 1

*be on the blink* ▶ BROKEN/NOT  
BROKEN 3

**bliss** ▶ HAPPY 7**blissful** ▶ HAPPY 8**blizzard** ▶ WEATHER 13**bloated** ▶ EAT 10**blob** ▶ LIQUID 2**block** ▶ AREA 2; BUILD/BUILDING 4;  
PIECE 2; STOP 26, 30  
*stumbling block* ▶ PROBLEM 3**block up** ▶ SHUT 6**blockade** ▶ STOP 30**blockbuster** ▶ POPULAR 2**blood**

*in cold blood* ▶ CRUEL 2

*make your blood run cold*

▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 4

*new blood* ▶ NEW 7

**blood-curdling** ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
FRIGHTENING 5**blood/kidney etc donor** ▶ GIVE 5**blot on the landscape** ▶ UGLY 3**blot out** ▶ HIDE 4**blotch** ▶ MARK 3**blow** ▶ BREAK 6; BREATHE 3; HIT 10;  
SHOCKED/SHOCKING 6; SPEND  
MONEY/TIME 3

*be/deal a blow to* ▶ HARM 1

**blow hot and cold** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 26**blow it/blow your chance**

▶ CHANCE 6

**blow out** ▶ BURN 4; FIRE 5**blow sth (up) out of all proportion**  
▶ EXAGGERATE 1**blow the whistle** ▶ TELL 9**blow up** ▶ AIR 4; EXPLODE 3, 4**blow up/enlarge** ▶ BIG 10**blow your own trumpet** ▶ BOAST 1



**blow your top/hit the roof/go crazy/go nuts/have a fit**

▶ ANGRY 6

**blow-by-blow account** ▶ DETAIL 4

**blows**
*come to blows* ▶ FIGHT 1

**blue** ▶ SEX 17

*be blue with cold* ▶ COLD 4

*feel blue* ▶ SAD 2

*out of the blue* ▶ EXPECT 8;  
SUDDENLY 1

**blue in the face**
*till you're blue in the face*

▶ USELESS 5

**blue moon**
*once in a blue moon* ▶ RARE/  
RARELY 3

**blue-collar** ▶ CLASS 7

**blue-eyed boy/girl** ▶ FAVOURITE 2

**blueprint** ▶ PLAN 1

**blues**
*the blues* ▶ SAD 8

**blunder** ▶ MISTAKE 3, 5

**blunt** ▶ HONEST 3; SHARP 3

**blur** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 5

**blurred** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 8

**blurt out** ▶ SAY 7

**blush/turn red** ▶ EMBARRASSED/  
EMBARRASSING 4

**board** ▶ GET ON OR OFF

 A BUS, PLANE ETC 1; GROUP 4;  
STAY 5

*above board* ▶ LEGAL 1

*across the board* ▶ EVERYONE 3

*on board/aboard* ▶ GET ON OR OFF  
A BUS, PLANE ETC 1

*take on board* ▶ ACCEPT 3

*the board/the board of directors*  
▶ MANAGER 4

**boarding house** ▶ STAY 7

**boast** ▶ BOAST 1; HAVE/NOT HAVE 4

**boastful** ▶ BOAST 2

**boat**
*by car/boat/plane/train* ▶ TRAVEL 3

*miss the boat* ▶ CHANCE 6

*rock the boat* ▶ PROBLEM 10

**bode well/ill** ▶ SHOW 12

**bodily** ▶ BODY 5

**body** ▶ BODY 1, 2, 3, 4;

ORGANIZATION 2

*part of the body* ▶ BODY 3

**body of opinion** ▶ OPINION 3

**bodyguard** ▶ PROTECT 3

**boffin** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 4

**bog**
*loo/bog* ▶ TOILET 1

**bogged**
*get bogged down* ▶ DELAY 2

**bogus** ▶ PRETEND 3

**boil** ▶ COOK 2

**boil down to/come down to**

▶ MEANING 8

**boiling/boiling hot** ▶ HOT 1, 3

**boiling/roasting** ▶ HOT 5

**boiling/scorching** ▶ WEATHER 7

**boisterous** ▶ ENERGETIC 1

**bold** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 3

**bollock sb/give sb a bollocking**

▶ TELL SB OFF 2

**bolshy/bolshie** ▶ DIFFICULT 7

**bolt** ▶ ESCAPE 1; SHUT 5

**bolt down** ▶ EAT 4

**bolted** ▶ SHUT 7

**bomb** ▶ EXPLODE 6; FAIL 5, 6; TEST 8

*a bomb* ▶ MONEY 5

*cost a bomb/the earth* ▶ EXPENSIVE 2

*plant a bomb/explosives etc* ▶ PUT 1

**bombard** ▶ SHOOT 1; THROW 4

**bombardment** ▶ SHOOT 5

**bombed/loaded/wasted** ▶ DRUNK 3

**bomber**
*suicide bomber/pilot/killer* ▶ DIE 4

**bombshell** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 6

**bona fide** ▶ REAL 1

**bond** ▶ RELATIONSHIP 1

**bone**
*be skin and bone* ▶ THIN 5

*have a bone to pick with* ▶ TELL SB  
OFF 1

*work your fingers to the bone* ▶ WORK  
HARD 2

**bone of contention** ▶ DISAGREE 6

**bone up on** ▶ STUDY 2

**bones**
*feel sth in your bones* ▶ PREDICT 2

**bonfire** ▶ FIRE 2

**bonk** ▶ SEX 4

**bonus** ▶ EARN 9

**bony** ▶ THIN 4

**boo** ▶ CLAP 3

**boob** ▶ MISTAKE 1

**book** ▶ BOOKS 1

*be a closed book* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 15

*get onto/reach the statute book*  
▶ LAW 5

*go by the book/do sth by the book*  
▶ OBEY 2

*reference book* ▶ BOOKS 5

*reserve/book* ▶ ARRANGE 4

*throw the book at* ▶ PUNISH 2

**booked**
*be booked up/fully booked* ▶ SELL 13

**booking** ▶ ARRANGE 4

**books**
*cook the books* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 10

**bookworm** ▶ READ 7

**boom** ▶ INCREASE 12; SOUND 8

**boom/boom out** ▶ LOUD 4

**booming** ▶ LOUD 1; SUCCEED/  
SUCCESSFUL 11

**boon**
*be a boon* ▶ HELP 4

**boondocks**
*in the boondocks/boonies* ▶ FAR 3

**boost** ▶ INCREASE 6

*give sb a boost/a lift* ▶ CONFIDENT/  
NOT CONFIDENT 4

*give sth a boost* ▶ HELP 3

**boost morale/raise morale**

▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 4

**boost sb's confidence**

▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 4

**boost sb's ego** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT  
CONFIDENT 4

**boot** ▶ KICK 1

**boot up** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
EMAIL 5

**boots**
*get too big for your boots* ▶ PROUD 2

**booze** ▶ DRINK 6

**booze-up** ▶ DRUNK 7

**boozy** ▶ DRUNK 7

**border** ▶ EDGE 1, 2; LINE 8; NEXT TO 3  
*cross the border* ▶ ENTER 5

**borderline** ▶ UNCERTAIN 3

**bore** ▶ BORING/BORED 3, 4; HOLE 7

**bored** ▶ BORING/BORED 5

**boredom** ▶ BORING/BORED 6

*relieve the boredom/monotony*

▶ BORING/BORED 7

**boring** ▶ BORING/BORED 1, 2, 3

**born** ▶ GOOD AT 4

*be born* ▶ BABY 4; START 11

*be born dead* ▶ BABY 10

**born yesterday**
*I wasn't born yesterday* ▶ BELIEVE 4

**borrow** ▶ BORROW 1, 2

**borrowings** ▶ OWE 4

**boss** ▶ IN CHARGE OF 2; MANAGER 1

*be the boss* ▶ CONTROL/NOT

CONTROL 1

*be your own boss* ▶ WORK FOR SB 2

*you're the boss/she's the boss etc*  
▶ OBEY 5

**boss sb around** ▶ TELL 23

**bossy** ▶ TELL 24

**botch/botch up** ▶ DO/NOT DO 12

**both** ▶ BOTH 1; TWO 4

**both ways**
*it's swings and roundabouts/it cuts*
*both ways* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 7

**bother** ▶ DISTURB 1; WORRIED/  
WORRYING 2

*it makes no difference to me/it doesn't*  
*bother me/it's all the same to me*

▶ DON'T CARE 2

*not bother* ▶ DO/NOT DO 15

**bothered**
*can't be bothered/couldn't be bothered*  
▶ LAZY 1

**bottle**
*hit the bottle* ▶ DRUNK 4

**bottle up** ▶ HIDE 7

**bottleneck** ▶ DELAY 4

**bottom** ▶ BOTTOM 2

*at the bottom* ▶ BOTTOM 5

*be at the bottom* ▶ POSITION/RANK 5

*be at the bottom of the pile*  
▶ POSITION/RANK 5

*be at the root/bottom of* ▶ CAUSE 4

*hit/reach rock bottom* ▶ WORSE 4

*the bottom* ▶ BOTTOM 1, 3, 4

*the bottom line* ▶ MAIN 2

**bottomless** ▶ DEEP/NOT DEEP 1

**boulevard**
*avenue/boulevard* ▶ ROAD/PATH 1

**bounce** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
EMAIL 10

**bounce back** ▶ RECOVER 4

**bounce off** ▶ HIT 9; REFLECT 2

**bound** ▶ RUN 1; TOWARDS 1;  
TRAVEL 13

**bound to**
*be bound to/be sure to/be certain to*  
▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 2

**bound up with**
*be bound up with sth/go hand in hand*

▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 1

**boundary** ▶ EDGE 2; LINE 8

**boundless** ▶ LIMIT 6

**bounds**
*be out of bounds* ▶ FORBID 4

*come on in leaps and bounds*

▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 2

**bourgeois** ▶ CLASS 6

**bourgeoisie**
*the bourgeoisie* ▶ CLASS 6



**bout**

*a bout of* ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 4

**bow** ▶ BEND 2

*hang/bow your head (in shame)*  
▶ ASHAMED 1

**bow to** ▶ ACCEPT 4

**bowl** ▶ THROW 2

**box**

*the box* ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 1

**boxing** ▶ FIGHT 6

**boy** ▶ CHILD 1

*blue-eyed boy/girl* ▶ FAVOURITE 2

*little boy/little girl* ▶ CHILD 2

*rent boy* ▶ SEX 14

**boycott** ▶ PROTEST 1, 2

**boyfriend** ▶ GIRLFRIEND/  
BOYFRIEND 1

**boys**

*the boys* ▶ FRIEND 3; MAN 1

**brace yourself** ▶ PREPARE 3

**bracing** ▶ COLD 3

**bracket** ▶ GROUP 5

**brag** ▶ BOAST 1

**brain** ▶ MIND 1

*have sth on the brain* ▶ THINK 2

**brainchild** ▶ INVENT 3

**brainless** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 5

**brains** ▶ INTELLIGENT 4, 10

*pick sb's brains* ▶ ASK 3

*rack your brains* ▶ REMEMBER 2

**brainwash** ▶ TEACH 3

**brainwave** ▶ IDEA 2

**brainy** ▶ INTELLIGENT 1

**brake** ▶ STOP 11

**brakes**

*slam on the brakes* ▶ STOP 11

**branch** ▶ AREA 9; PART 4

**branch out** ▶ VARIOUS/OF  
DIFFERENT KINDS 6

**brand** ▶ CALL/DESCRIBE AS 1; TYPE 3

**brand name** ▶ NAME 4

**brand new** ▶ NEW 2

**brandish** ▶ HOLD 5

**brash** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT  
CONFIDENT 2

**brat** ▶ BAD 7

**brave** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 1

*be brave enough to do sth* ▶ BRAVE/  
NOT BRAVE 5

*put on a brave face/put up a brave  
front* ▶ HIDE 7

**bravery** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 4

**brawl** ▶ FIGHT 4

**brawn** ▶ STRONG 3

**brawny** ▶ STRONG 1

**brazen** ▶ ASHAMED 4

**breach** ▶ ILLEGAL 2

**breadwinner**

*the breadwinner* ▶ EARN 10

**break** ▶ BREAK 1, 2, 9; BROKEN/NOT  
BROKEN 5; CHANCE 4; DAMAGE 1;  
HOLIDAY/VACATION 1; HURT/  
INJURE 2; PAUSE 3, 4; REST 2, 2  
*a break with tradition/a break with  
the past* ▶ TRADITION 4

*have/take a break* ▶ PAUSE 2

*make a run/dash/break for* ▶ RUN 1

*take a break* ▶ REST 1

*without a break* ▶ CONTINUE 5

**break a promise** ▶ PROMISE 5

**break a rule/law** ▶ DISOBEY 2

**break down** ▶ BROKEN/NOT

BROKEN 4; CRY 2; OPEN 1;  
SEPARATE 2

**break even** ▶ PROFIT 6

**break for lunch/coffee/Christmas  
etc** ▶ PAUSE 2

**break free/break away** ▶ ESCAPE 1

**break in** ▶ ENTER 4; INTERRUPT 1

**break in two/in half** ▶ BREAK 4

**break into** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 1

**break into a run** ▶ RUN 1

**break into a smile/grin** ▶ SMILE 1

**break into pieces/bits** ▶ BREAK 6

**break new ground** ▶ FIRST 5

**break off** ▶ BREAK 7, 8; STOP 22;  
TALK 14

**break open** ▶ OPEN 1

**break out** ▶ BURN 7; START 12

**break out in a sweat/break into a  
sweat** ▶ SWEAT 1

**break out/get out** ▶ ESCAPE 2

**break sb's heart** ▶ SAD 5

**break sb's spirit/resolve/will etc**  
▶ DESTROY 4

**break sb's train of thought**  
▶ DISTURB 1

**break sth in two/in half** ▶ BREAK 3

**break the bank**

*it won't break the bank* ▶ CHEAP 1

**break the habit/kick the habit**  
▶ STOP 5

**break the law** ▶ CRIME 5; ILLEGAL 3

**break the mould** ▶ FIRST 5

**break the news (to sb)/break it to  
sb** ▶ TELL 1

**break the rules** ▶ ILLEGAL 3

**break up** ▶ BREAK 6; CROWD 5, 6;  
DISTURB 2; FINISH 8;  
SEPARATE 2, 3, 7; STOP 21

**break with tradition/break with the  
past** ▶ TRADITION 4

**break-in** ▶ STEAL 7

**break/tear/cut off** ▶ REMOVE 2

**breakable** ▶ BREAK 10

**breakdown**

*have a (nervous) breakdown*  
▶ MENTALLY ILL 3

**breakfast** ▶ MEAL 2

*bed and breakfast* ▶ STAY 7

**breaking and entering** ▶ ENTER 4

**breakneck**

*at breakneck speed* ▶ FAST 1

**breakout** ▶ ESCAPE 4

**breakthrough** ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE  
PROGRESS 4; SUCCEED/  
SUCCESSFUL 5

**breath** ▶ BREATHE 4

*be wasting your breath* ▶ USELESS 5  
*breathless/out of breath*

▶ BREATHE 6

*get your breath back/catch your  
breath* ▶ BREATHE 7

*hold your breath* ▶ WAIT 6

*say sth under your breath* ▶ SAY 8

*short of breath* ▶ BREATHE 6

*take a breath* ▶ BREATHE 2

**breathe** ▶ BREATHE 1

*can't breathe* ▶ BREATHE 8

*not breathe a word/not tell a soul*  
▶ TELL 13

**breathe in** ▶ BREATHE 2

**breathe out** ▶ BREATHE 3

**breather**

*take a breather* ▶ PAUSE 2

**breathing** ▶ BREATHE 4

*be breathing down sb's neck* ▶ FORCE  
SB TO DO STH 1

**breathing space** ▶ PAUSE 3

**breathless/out of breath**

▶ BREATHE 6

**brehtaking** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 6;  
IMPRESS 4

**breed** ▶ BABY 14; TYPE 2

**breeze** ▶ WEATHER 12

*shoot the breeze* ▶ TALK 4

**breeze in** ▶ ENTER 1

**breeze through**

*sail/breeze through* ▶ TEST 7

**breeze/breeze through** ▶ EASY 4

**brewing**

*be brewing* ▶ SOON 4

**bribe** ▶ MONEY 11; PAY 5

**bribery** ▶ DISHONEST 4

**brick wall**

*it's like talking to a brick wall*  
▶ USELESS 5

**bridal**

*shower/bridal shower* ▶ MARRY 7

**bride** ▶ MARRY 9

**bride-to-be/husband-to-be**  
▶ MARRY 6

**bridegroom**

*groom/bridegroom* ▶ MARRY 9

**bridesmaid** ▶ MARRY 9

**brief** ▶ INSTRUCTIONS 1; SHORT 2, 10;  
TELL 3

*a short/brief space of time* ▶ TIME 9

*be brief* ▶ SHORT 5

**brigade**

*the fire brigade* ▶ FIRE 6

**bright** ▶ BRIGHT 1, 3; COLOUR 3;  
INTELLIGENT 1

*have a great/bright future*

▶ FUTURE 6; SUCCEED/  
SUCCESSFUL 9

*not very bright/intelligent/clever/  
smart* ▶ STUPID/SILLY 5

**bright and early** ▶ EARLY 3

**bright idea** ▶ IDEA 2; INTELLIGENT 8

**brighten up** ▶ HAPPY 6

**brilliance** ▶ INTELLIGENT 10

**brilliant** ▶ BRIGHT 2; COLOUR 3;  
GOOD 1, 3, 4; GOOD AT 2;  
INTELLIGENT 2

**brim**

*be full to the brim* ▶ FULL 1

**bring** ▶ TAKE 1

**bring about** ▶ CAUSE 1

**bring back** ▶ START 17; TAKE 4

**bring in** ▶ ASK 15; ATTRACT/  
ATTRACTION 2; TAKE PART/BE  
INVOLVED 6

**bring out** ▶ BOOKS 8; SELL 8;  
SHOW 17

**bring sb round** ▶ CONSCIOUS 3

**bring together** ▶ MIX 5; UNITE 4

**bring up** ▶ MENTION 2; SICK/  
VOMIT 1; TEACH 3

**bring up the rear** ▶ LAST 2

**bring up/raise** ▶ LOOK AFTER 2

**bring/call to mind** ▶ REMIND/MAKE  
SB REMEMBER 3

**bring/talk sb round** ▶ PERSUADE 4

**brink**

*be on the verge/brink of* ▶ ALMOST 4



**brittle** ▶ BREAK 10  
**broach** ▶ MENTION 2  
**broad** ▶ DETAIL 5; MOST 4; WIDE 1  
**broad daylight**  
  *in broad daylight* ▶ SEE 3  
**broad-minded** ▶ STRICT/NOT  
  STRICT 8  
**broadcast** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 3, 4  
**broaden** ▶ INCREASE 8  
**broadsheet** ▶ NEWSPAPERS 1  
**broil**  
  *grill/broil* ▶ COOK 2  
**broiling** ▶ HOT 3  
**broke** ▶ MONEY 18; POOR 2  
**broken** ▶ BROKEN/NOT  
  BROKEN 1, 2, 3; SPEAK 4  
  *get broken* ▶ BREAK 2  
**brood** ▶ THINK 2; WORRIED/  
  WORRYING 3  
**browbeat** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 1  
**brown-nose** ▶ FRIENDLY 6  
**browse** ▶ LOOK 6; LOOK FOR 3  
**browse through** ▶ READ 3  
**browser** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
  EMAIL 8  
**bruise** ▶ HURT/INJURE 2, 5; MARK 3  
**brunch** ▶ MEAL 2  
**brush** ▶ CLEAN 6; TOUCH 3  
**brush up (on)** ▶ IMPROVE 2  
**brush your teeth** ▶ WASH 1  
**brush-off**  
  *give sb the brush-off* ▶ REJECT 5  
**brusque** ▶ RUDE 3  
**brutal** ▶ VIOLENT 1  
**brutality** ▶ VIOLENT 5  
**brute** ▶ VIOLENT 2  
**btw** ▶ AND/ALSO 2  
**bubble** ▶ SOUND 14  
**buck**  
  *pass the buck* ▶ BLAME 4;  
  RESPONSIBLE 4  
**bucket**  
  *kick the bucket* ▶ DIE 1  
**buckle** ▶ BEND 3  
**buckle up** ▶ FASTEN/UNFASTEN 1  
**bud**  
  *nip sth in the bud* ▶ STOP 17  
**buddy** ▶ FRIEND 1  
**budge**  
  *won't budge/can't budge sth* ▶ MOVE/  
  NOT MOVE 10  
**budget** ▶ CHEAP 1; PLAN 1, 5; SPEND  
  MONEY/TIME 4, 9  
**buff** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 4  
**buffet** ▶ MEAL 9  
**bug** ▶ ANGRY 7; COMPUTERS/  
  INTERNET/EMAIL 7; FAULT 1;  
  ILLNESS/DISEASE 1; LISTEN 2  
  *get the bug* ▶ INTERESTED 4  
**bug off**  
  *beat it/take a hike/bug off* ▶ LEAVE 3  
**bugger all** ▶ NONE/NOTHING 1  
**build** ▶ BODY 2; BUILD/BUILDING 1;  
  MAKE 1  
**build up** ▶ INCREASE 1, 5, 13  
**build-up** ▶ INCREASE 10, 16  
**build/build up (sb's) confidence**  
  ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 4  
**building** ▶ BUILD/BUILDING 2, 4  
**bulge** ▶ STICK OUT 1, 3  
**bulging** ▶ FULL 1; STICK OUT 2

**bulk**  
  *buy (sth) in bulk* ▶ BUY 2  
  *the bulk of* ▶ MOST 1  
**bulky** ▶ BIG 1  
**bull**  
  *be like a red rag to a bull* ▶ ANGRY 7  
  *take the bull by the horns* ▶ DEAL  
  WITH 2  
**bullet**  
  *bite the bullet* ▶ ACCEPT 5  
**bulletin**  
  *news bulletin* ▶ NEWS 2  
**bullets**  
  *hail of bullets* ▶ SHOOT 5  
**bully** ▶ CRUEL 1, 5; FORCE SB TO DO  
  STH 2  
**bullying** ▶ CRUEL 4  
**bum** ▶ ASK 14; HOME 9  
**bummer**  
  *be a bummer* ▶ DISAPPOINTED 2  
**bump** ▶ HIT 4; SOUND 5; STICK OUT 3  
  *things that go bump in the night*  
  ▶ GHOST 1  
**bump into** ▶ HIT 4  
**bump into/run into** ▶ MEET 2  
**bump off** ▶ KILL 1  
**bumpy** ▶ COMFORTABLE/  
  UNCOMFORTABLE 7; FLAT/NOT  
  FLAT 6  
**bums on seats** ▶ THERE/NOT  
  THERE 4  
**bunch** ▶ GROUP 11  
  *a bunch* ▶ LOT 2  
  *the best of the bunch* ▶ BEST 2  
**bunch/crowd** ▶ GROUP 2  
**bundle** ▶ GROUP 11; PUSH 1  
  *a bundle* ▶ LOT 1  
  *be a bundle of nerves* ▶ NERVOUS 2  
  *make a fortune/bundle* ▶ RICH 5  
**bundled**  
  *be bundled up* ▶ CLOTHES 6  
**bung** ▶ PUT 3  
  *backhander/bung* ▶ PAY 5  
**bungalow** ▶ HOUSE 1  
**bungle** ▶ DO/NOT DO 12  
**burden** ▶ RESPONSIBLE 2  
**bureau** ▶ ORGANIZATION 2  
**bureaucracy** ▶ COMPLICATED 2  
**bureaucratic** ▶ COMPLICATED 2  
**burglar** ▶ STEAL 5  
**burglary** ▶ STEAL 6, 7  
**burgle** ▶ STEAL 2  
**burly** ▶ FAT 1  
**burn** ▶ BURN 1, 2, 6, 9; COOK 4  
**burn down** ▶ BURN 1, 8  
**burn itself out** ▶ BURN 5  
**burn out/burn yourself out**  
  ▶ TIRED/TIRING 5  
**burn up** ▶ USE 16  
**burning**  
  *be burning with* ▶ FEEL 6  
**burnout** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 8  
**burnt-out** ▶ BURN 8  
**burrow** ▶ DIG 1  
**burst** ▶ BREAK 6  
**burst in** ▶ ENTER 1  
**burst into flames** ▶ BURN 7  
**burst into song** ▶ SING 1  
**burst into tears** ▶ CRY 2  
**burst/fly open** ▶ OPEN 2  
**bursting**  
  *be full of energy/bursting with energy*  
  ▶ ENERGETIC 1

**bury** ▶ HIDE 1  
**bury the hatchet** ▶ ARGUE 7  
**bury your head in the sand**  
  ▶ IGNORE 3  
**bush**  
  *beat about the bush* ▶ AVOID 4  
**bushed**  
  *beat/pooped/bushed* ▶ TIRED/  
  TIRING 1  
**business** ▶ BUSINESS 1, 2, 3;  
  COMPANY 1; HAPPEN 9; JOB 1;  
  SUBJECT 1; WORK 1  
  *any other business* ▶ SUBJECT 1  
  *be in business* ▶ BUSINESS 4  
  *do business* ▶ BUSINESS 4  
  *go out of business* ▶ FAIL 8  
  *have/run your own business* ▶ WORK  
  FOR SB 2  
  *it's none of your business/that's my*  
  *business* ▶ PRIVATE 6  
  *line of work/business* ▶ JOB 1  
  *mean business* ▶ DETERMINED 1;  
  SERIOUS 3  
  *mind your own business* ▶ PRIVATE 6  
  *mind your own business/it's none of*  
  *your business* ▶ INTERFERE 3  
  *on business* ▶ WORK 9  
**businesslike** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT  
  EFFICIENT 3; ORGANIZE 5  
**businessman/businesswoman/**  
  **businessperson** ▶ BUSINESS 6  
**bust** ▶ BREAK 1, 2, 9; BROKEN/NOT  
  BROKEN 1, 3  
  *go bust* ▶ FAIL 8; MONEY 17  
**bust-up** ▶ ARGUE 4  
**busted** ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 2  
**bustle**  
  *the hustle and bustle* ▶ BUSY/NOT  
  BUSY 5  
**bustling** ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 4  
**busy** ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 1, 2, 4, 5;  
  TELEPHONE 8  
  *be busy* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 8  
  *be not busy* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 3  
**busy yourself** ▶ SPEND MONEY/  
  TIME 10  
**busybody** ▶ INTERFERE 2  
**but** ▶ BUT 1; EXCEPT 1  
**but for** ▶ EXCEPT 1  
**but for sb/sth** ▶ IF 6  
**butcher** ▶ SHOP/STORE 2  
**butt**  
  *the butt of sth/sb* ▶ MAKE FUN OF 4  
  *work your butt/ass off* ▶ WORK  
  HARD 2  
**butt in** ▶ INTERRUPT 1  
**butter up** ▶ PRAISE 4  
**butterflies**  
  *have butterflies* ▶ NERVOUS 2  
**button**  
  *push/press a button* ▶ SWITCH ON  
  OR OFF 1, 2  
**button/button up** ▶ FASTEN/  
  UNFASTEN 1  
**buy** ▶ BELIEVE 1; BUY 1  
  *be a good buy* ▶ CHEAP 3  
  *get/buy sth on credit* ▶ PAY 8  
**buy (sth) in bulk** ▶ BUY 2  
**buy in** ▶ BUY 2  
**buy off** ▶ PAY 4  
**buy up** ▶ BUY 2  
**buyer** ▶ BUY 5  
**buzz** ▶ SOUND 12  
  *give sb a buzz/ring* ▶ TELEPHONE 1



**buzzed** ▶ DRUNK 2  
**buzzing**  
*be buzzing (with excitement)*  
 ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 1  
**buzzword** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 3  
**by** ▶ BEFORE 2; NEXT TO 1; PASS/GO PAST 1; WAY 6  
*be 10 metres by 5 metres/be 10 inches by 8 inches etc* ▶ SIZE 3  
*by air/by sea/by land* ▶ TRAVEL 3  
*by all means* ▶ YES 2  
*by car/bike etc* ▶ DRIVE 2  
*by car/boat/plane/train* ▶ TRAVEL 3  
*by day/by night* ▶ DURING 1  
*by means of* ▶ WAY 6  
*by no means/not by any means*  
 ▶ NOT 2  
*by right* ▶ RIGHT 9  
*by that time* ▶ THEN 3  
*on your own/by yourself* ▶ ALONE 2  
**by heart**  
*know sth by heart* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 6  
**by sight**  
*know sb by sight* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 22  
**by the hundreds/thousands**  
 ▶ LOT 7  
**by the sea** ▶ LAND/GROUND 6  
**by the way/incidentally** ▶ AND/ALSO 2  
**by-pass** ▶ ROAD/PATH 3  
**by-product** ▶ RESULT 3  
**bye**  
*goodbye/bye* ▶ GOODBYE 1  
**bygones**  
*let bygones be bygones* ▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 1  
**bylaw** ▶ LAW 1

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**cabinet** ▶ GOVERNMENT 2  
**cache** ▶ KEEP 7  
**cackle** ▶ LAUGH 3  
**cadge** ▶ ASK 14  
**cagey** ▶ SECRET 6  
**cahoots**  
*be in cahoots (with)* ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 3  
**cajole** ▶ PERSUADE 2  
**cake**  
*be a cinch/a piece of cake* ▶ EASY 2  
*slice of the cake* ▶ SHARE 5  
*sth takes the cake* ▶ WORSE 4  
**caked in/with**  
*be caked in/with* ▶ COVER 3  
**cakes**  
*be selling like hot cakes* ▶ SELL 12  
**calamity** ▶ DISASTER 1  
**calculate** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 2  
**calculated** ▶ DELIBERATELY 2  
**calculating** ▶ BAD 8  
**calculation** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 9  
**call** ▶ CALL/DESCRIBE AS 1, 2; NAME 6; TELEPHONE 1  
*be on call* ▶ READY/NOT READY 3; WORK 9  
*give sb a call* ▶ TELEPHONE 1  
*make a call/phone call/telephone call*  
 ▶ TELEPHONE 1  
*return a call/phone call/telephone call*  
 ▶ TELEPHONE 3

*take a call* ▶ ANSWER 3  
*there is no demand/call for*  
 ▶ POPULAR 5  
**call a halt to** ▶ STOP 20  
**call a spade a spade** ▶ HONEST 4  
**call at** ▶ STOP 12  
**call back** ▶ TELEPHONE 3  
**call for** ▶ ASK 11; NEED/NECESSARY 6; REASON 5  
**call in** ▶ ASK 15; VISIT 5  
**call it a day** ▶ STOP 7  
**call off** ▶ CANCEL 1; STOP 16  
**call on** ▶ ASK 16  
**call on/call in on** ▶ VISIT 2  
**call on/upon** ▶ ASK 11  
**call out** ▶ SHOUT 1  
**call round/call in** ▶ VISIT 2  
**call sb names** ▶ INSULT 1  
**call the tune/shots** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 1  
**call to mind**  
*bring/call to mind* ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 3  
**call-girl** ▶ SEX 14  
**call/phone call/telephone call**  
 ▶ TELEPHONE 4  
**called**  
*be called* ▶ NAME 5  
*be called up* ▶ ARMY 5  
*be/feel called to do sth* ▶ RELIGION 6  
**caller** ▶ TELEPHONE 5; VISIT 6  
**calloused** ▶ ROUGH/NOT SMOOTH 1  
**calm** ▶ CALM 1, 2, 4; MOVE/NOT MOVE 11; PEACEFUL 1, 2  
**calm down** ▶ CALM 3, 4, 5  
**calm sb down** ▶ ANGRY 15  
**camouflage** ▶ HIDE 3  
**camp** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6  
*holiday camp* ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6  
**campaign** ▶ FIGHT 7, 9; TRY 7; VOTE 8  
*smear campaign* ▶ LIE 4; REPUTATION 3; SPOIL 5  
**campaign/advertising campaign**  
 ▶ ADVERTISING 3  
**campfire** ▶ FIRE 2  
**campground** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6  
**can** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 1, 2, 3; LET/ALLOW 4; POSSIBLE 2  
*carry the can* ▶ BLAME 2  
**can't** ▶ FORBID 2; MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 6  
*can't/cannot* ▶ CAN/CAN'T 6, 7, 8  
*can't/couldn't* ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 2  
**cancel** ▶ CANCEL 1  
**cancel out** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 7  
**cancel out/negate** ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 5  
**candid** ▶ HONEST 2  
**candidate** ▶ TEST 4; VOTE 7  
**candour** ▶ HONEST 5  
**candy**  
*like taking candy from a baby*  
 ▶ EASY 2  
**cannot**  
*can't/cannot* ▶ CAN/CAN'T 6, 7, 8  
**cannot/can't read** ▶ READ 10  
**canny** ▶ INTELLIGENT 5  
**cantankerous** ▶ ANGRY 11  
**canvass** ▶ ASK 2; VOTE 8  
**cap**  
*top/cap* ▶ COVER 4  
**capability** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 4

**capable** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 3; GOOD AT 1  
*be capable of sth* ▶ CAN/CAN'T 1  
*be incapable/not be capable* ▶ CAN/CAN'T 6  
*be quite capable of* ▶ PROBABLY 6  
**capacity** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 4; JOB 2; SIZE 2  
**capita**  
*per capita* ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 6  
**capital** ▶ MONEY 9; TOWN 5  
**capital offence** ▶ KILL 7  
**capital punishment** ▶ KILL 7  
**capitalize on** ▶ USE 5  
**capsize** ▶ TURN 10  
**captain** ▶ SPORT/GAME 6  
**captive** ▶ KEEP 10; PRISON 7  
*hold sb prisoner/captive/hostage*  
 ▶ KEEP 9  
**captivity** ▶ KEEP 11; PRISON 8  
**capture** ▶ CATCH 4  
**car**  
*by car/bike etc* ▶ DRIVE 2  
*by car/boat/plane/train* ▶ TRAVEL 3  
**carbonated** ▶ DRINK 5  
**cards**  
*be on the cards* ▶ PROBABLY 1  
*hold all the cards* ▶ ADVANTAGE 5  
*play your cards close to your chest*  
 ▶ SECRET 6  
*put/lay your cards on the table*  
 ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 5  
**care** ▶ IMPORTANT 5; LOOK AFTER 7; LOVE 3  
*childcare/child care* ▶ LOOK AFTER 4  
*couldn't care less* ▶ DON'T CARE 1  
*for all I care* ▶ DON'T CARE 1  
*in care* ▶ LOOK AFTER 3  
*look after/take care of* ▶ LOOK AFTER 1  
*not care* ▶ DON'T CARE 1  
*take care* ▶ CAREFUL 2, 3, 6; GOODBYE 1; LETTER 3  
*take care of* ▶ DEAL WITH 1; RESPONSIBLE 1  
*who cares?/so what?/what do I care?*  
 ▶ DON'T CARE 1  
*with care* ▶ CAREFUL 4  
*with care/with caution* ▶ CAREFUL 1  
*without a care in the world/not have a care in the world* ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 9  
**care for sb** ▶ LOOK AFTER 1  
**career** ▶ JOB 1  
*further/advance your career*  
 ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 6  
**carefree** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 9  
**careful** ▶ CAREFUL 1, 4, 5, 7; SPEND MONEY/TIME 7  
*be careful* ▶ CAREFUL 3; WARN 2  
**carefully**  
*look carefully/closely* ▶ EXAMINE 1  
*well/carefully thought out* ▶ PLAN 9  
**careless** ▶ CARELESS 1, 2, 3, 4  
**carer** ▶ LOOK AFTER 1  
**cares** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 6  
**caress** ▶ TOUCH 2  
**caricature** ▶ PICTURE 2  
**caring** ▶ KIND 2; SYMPATHIZE 5  
*be past caring* ▶ DON'T CARE 1  
**carnage** ▶ KILL 4  
**carpet**  
*sweep sth under the carpet* ▶ HIDE 8  
**carpool** ▶ DRIVE 3



**carried**  
*be carried* ▶ ACCEPT 6

**carried away**  
*get carried away* ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 14

**carrot** ▶ PERSUADE 8

**carry** ▶ CARRY 1, 3; HEAR 3; SUPPORT 7; TAKE 1, 5  
*can carry* ▶ CONTAIN 2

**carry off**  
*pull off/bring off/carry off* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 2

**carry on** ▶ CONTINUE 2  
*continue/carry on* ▶ CONTINUE 4

**carry out** ▶ DO/NOT DO 2

**carry out door-to-door inquiries** ▶ ASK 4

**carry out tests** ▶ TEST 10

**carry the can** ▶ BLAME 2

**carry the day** ▶ WIN 2

**cart** ▶ CARRY 1

**carte blanche**  
*give sb carte blanche* ▶ LET/ALLOW 6

**cartoon** ▶ PICTURE 2

**cartoon/animated film/animated movie** ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2

**carve** ▶ CUT 2, 8

**carve up** ▶ SHARE 3

**cascade** ▶ FLOW 1

**case** ▶ COURT/TRIAL 2; EXAMPLE 1; SITUATION 1, 2  
*be the case* ▶ TRUE 1  
*in case* ▶ IF 1  
*in case of* ▶ IF 1  
*not be the case* ▶ UNTRUE 1  
*textbook case/example* ▶ TYPICAL 1

**case in point**  
*be a case in point* ▶ EXAMPLE 3

**cases**  
*in most cases* ▶ IN GENERAL 1; MOST 6

**cash** ▶ MONEY 1, 2  
*strapped for cash* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 7; MONEY 18

**cash in on** ▶ PROFIT 7

**cast** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 1

**cast a shadow over** ▶ SPOIL 4

**cast a vote** ▶ VOTE 1

**cast your mind back** ▶ REMEMBER 2

**cast-offs/castoffs** ▶ CLOTHES 5

**cast/throw** ▶ SEND 4

**caste** ▶ CLASS 4

**castoffs**  
*cast-offs/castoffs* ▶ CLOTHES 5

**casual** ▶ DON'T CARE 3; SOMETIMES 2

**casual sex** ▶ SEX 6

**casualty** ▶ HURT/INJURE 6; SUFFER 4

**casualty (department)** ▶ HOSPITAL 3

**cat**  
*fat cat* ▶ RICH 4  
*let the cat out of the bag* ▶ TELL 12

**catalogue** ▶ LIST 1, 5

**catalogue of failures/disasters/errors etc** ▶ SERIES 1

**catapult/propel** ▶ THROW 5

**catastrophe** ▶ DISASTER 1

**catastrophic** ▶ DISASTER 2

**catch** ▶ CATCH 1, 2, 3, 5; GET ON OR OFF A BUS, PLANE ETC 1; ILLNESS/DISEASE 3; ON TIME 3; PROBLEM 1; SPREAD 3  
*didn't catch* ▶ HEAR 4  
*get/catch a whiff of sth* ▶ SMELL 7

**catch fire** ▶ BURN 7

**catch on** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 6

**catch sb off guard/catch sb unawares** ▶ EXPECT 8; READY/NOT READY 6

**catch sb on the hop** ▶ READY/NOT READY 6

**catch sb red-handed/catch sb in the act** ▶ CATCH 3

**catch sb with their fingers in the till** ▶ CATCH 3

**catch sb with their pants down** ▶ READY/NOT READY 6

**catch sb's eye** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 1

**catch sight of/catch a glimpse of** ▶ SEE 1

**catch up** ▶ FAST 6; IMPROVE 1  
*be catching up* ▶ NEAR 9

**catch up with** ▶ CATCH 5

**catch you later**  
*later/catch you later* ▶ GOODBYE 1

**catch your breath**  
*get your breath back/catch your breath* ▶ BREATHE 7

**catch-22** ▶ PROBLEM 4

**catching** ▶ SPREAD 3

**catchphrase** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/ SENTENCE 3

**catchword** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/ SENTENCE 1

**categorize** ▶ GROUP 13; TYPE 4

**category** ▶ TYPE 1

**cater for** ▶ PROVIDE/SUPPLY 2

**caught**  
*be caught napping* ▶ READY/NOT READY 6  
*get caught up in* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 5

**cause** ▶ CAUSE 1, 10; FIGHT 9; REASON 2  
*be the cause* ▶ CAUSE 1  
*do/cause damage* ▶ DAMAGE 1  
*good cause/reason* ▶ RIGHT 7  
*inconvenience/cause (sb)* ▶ INCONVENIENCE ▶ PROBLEM 12  
*lost cause* ▶ FAIL 4

**cause a rift between** ▶ ARGUE 8

**cause an argument/lead to an argument** ▶ ARGUE 8

**cause concern/be a cause for concern** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 2

**cause death** ▶ KILL 9

**cause embarrassment** ▶ EMBARRASSED/EMBARRASSING 2

**cause offence** ▶ OFFEND 1

**cause sb to do sth** ▶ CAUSE 2

**cause/create problems** ▶ PROBLEM 10

**cause/create/pose a problem** ▶ PROBLEM 8

**cause/make trouble** ▶ PROBLEM 10

**caustic** ▶ UNKIND 2

**caution** ▶ WARN 1, 4  
*with care/with caution* ▶ CAREFUL 1

**cautionary** ▶ WARN 3

**cautious** ▶ CAREFUL 1

**cave in** ▶ ACCEPT 4; FALL 3

**cease** ▶ STOP 1, 14

**cease to exist** ▶ DISAPPEAR 4

**ceasefire** ▶ PEACE 2

**ceiling** ▶ LIMIT 1

**celebrate** ▶ CELEBRATE 1

**celebrated** ▶ FAMOUS 1

**celebration** ▶ CELEBRATE 2  
*in celebration of* ▶ CELEBRATE 1

**celebrity** ▶ FAMOUS 5

**celibate** ▶ SEX 13

**cell** ▶ PRISON 1

**censor** ▶ FORBID 3

**censorship** ▶ FORBID 3

**center**  
*medical center* ▶ HOSPITAL 1

**central** ▶ BASIC 1; MIDDLE 2

**centre** ▶ MIDDLE 1, 2; TOWN 2  
*at/in the centre* ▶ MIDDLE 2  
*be the centre of attention* ▶ ATTENTION 8  
*the centre* ▶ MODERATE 1; POLITICS 3

**ceremonial** ▶ TRADITION 3

**ceremony** ▶ TRADITION 3

**cert**  
*sb/sth is a dead cert* ▶ CERTAINLY/ DEFINITELY 4

**certain** ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 3; SURE/NOT SURE 1  
*a certain amount of* ▶ SOME/ SEVERAL 2  
*almost certain* ▶ PROBABLY 2  
*be bound to/be sure to/be certain to* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 2  
*make sure/make certain* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 7; CHECK 1  
*not certain* ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 3; UNCERTAIN 1

**certain extent**  
*to some extent/to a certain extent/up to a point* ▶ PARTLY 1

**certainly** ▶ YES 2

**certainly not** ▶ NO 1

**certainly/definitely** ▶ CERTAINLY/ DEFINITELY 1, 2

**certainty**  
*be a certainty* ▶ CERTAINLY/ DEFINITELY 2

**certify** ▶ SAY 3

**chafe** ▶ RUB 3

**chain of events** ▶ SERIES 1

**chain reaction** ▶ RESULT 6

**chain store** ▶ SHOP/STORE 1

**chain-smoke** ▶ SMOKING 2

**chain-smoker** ▶ SMOKING 3

**chair** ▶ IN CHARGE OF 3

**chair/chairperson** ▶ IN CHARGE OF 4

**chairman/chairwoman** ▶ IN CHARGE OF 4; MANAGER 2

**chalk**  
*be like chalk and cheese* ▶ DIFFERENT 2

**challenge**  
*be a challenge* ▶ DIFFICULT 2  
*rise to the occasion/challenge* ▶ DEAL WITH 3

**challenging** ▶ DIFFICULT 2

**champion** ▶ WIN 7

**champion/be a champion of** ▶ FIGHT 7

**championship** ▶ COMPETITION 1



**chance** ▶ CHANCE 2, 4  
*an outside chance* ▶ PROBABLY 9  
*blow it/blow your chance*  
▶ CHANCE 6  
*by chance* ▶ CHANCE 1  
*grab the chance* ▶ CHANCE 5  
*have/stand a good chance*  
▶ PROBABLY 5  
*it is possible (that)/there's a chance (that)* ▶ MAYBE 1  
*jump at the chance/opportunity*  
▶ ACCEPT 1; CHANCE 5  
*little chance/hope/possibility/prospect*  
▶ PROBABLY 9  
*miss a chance/an opportunity*  
▶ CHANCE 6  
*not stand a chance/not have a hope*  
▶ IMPOSSIBLE 1  
*not stand/have much chance of*  
▶ PROBABLY 9  
*on the off chance that* ▶ HOPE 4  
*take a chance* ▶ RISK 3  
*there is a chance/possibility*  
▶ POSSIBLE 2  
*there's a fifty-fifty chance*  
▶ UNCERTAIN 3

**chance of a lifetime** ▶ CHANCE 4

**chance upon/happen upon**  
▶ FIND 6

**chances** ▶ PROBABLY 7  
*take no chances* ▶ CAREFUL 2

**change** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 1, 5, 9, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20;  
CLOTHES 10; EXCHANGE 1; MONEY 2;  
REPLACE 6  
*chop and change* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 13  
*I wouldn't change a thing* ▶ REGRET/  
NOT REGRET 5  
*move/change with the times*  
▶ MODERN 3

**change course** ▶ TURN 8

**change direction** ▶ TURN 8

**change into/turn into** ▶ BECOME 2

**change of heart** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 25

**change partners** ▶ EXCHANGE 1

**change places** ▶ EXCHANGE 1

**change your mind** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 24, 25

**change your tune** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 25

**changeable** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 3; WEATHER 6

**changed**  
*a changed man/woman* ▶ CHANGE/  
NOT CHANGE 4  
*get changed* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 14; CLOTHES 10  
*hasn't changed* ▶ SAME 4

**changes**  
*make changes* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 5

**changing** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 1  
*keep changing* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 2

**channel** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 6

**chaos** ▶ ORGANIZE 4; UNTIDY 4

**chaotic** ▶ ORGANIZE 3

**chapter** ▶ PART 3

**character** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 6;  
BOOKS 7; CHARACTER 1, 5; PERSON/  
PEOPLE 1, 4; REPUTATION 1; STORY 3  
*a character* ▶ INTERESTING 5  
*a reformed character* ▶ BEHAVE 4

*be in character* ▶ TYPICAL 2  
*be out of character* ▶ TYPICAL 4  
*have character* ▶ INTERESTING 4

**character assassination**  
▶ REPUTATION 3

**characteristic** ▶ CHARACTER 2, 6;  
TYPICAL 2  
*distinguishing feature/mark/  
characteristic* ▶ DIFFERENT 7

**characterize** ▶ TYPICAL 3

**characterize sb/sth as**  
▶ DESCRIBE 2

**charade** ▶ PRETEND 7

**charge** ▶ ACCUSE 2, 3; COST 1, 4;  
COURT/TRIAL 2; RUN 1  
*be in charge* ▶ IN CHARGE OF 1  
*be in charge of* ▶ RESPONSIBLE 1  
*free of charge* ▶ FREE 1  
*no charge* ▶ FREE 1  
*put sb in charge* ▶ RESPONSIBLE 4

**charged** ▶ NERVOUS 5

**charges**  
*press charges* ▶ ACCUSE 2  
*reverse the charges* ▶ TELEPHONE 2

**charity** ▶ GIVE 5, 6; ORGANIZATION 3

**charlatan** ▶ PRETEND 3; TRICK/  
DECEIVE 5

**charm** ▶ ATTRACT/ATTRACTION 4

**charmed**  
*lead a charmed life* ▶ LUCKY 1

**charming** ▶ NICE 1

**charred** ▶ BURN 1

**chart** ▶ RECORD 1

**charter** ▶ BORROW 3; LET/ALLOW 5

**chase** ▶ FOLLOW 3  
*give chase* ▶ FOLLOW 3  
*wild goose chase* ▶ LOOK FOR 7

**chasm** ▶ HOLE 2

**chat** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
EMAIL 9; TALK 1, 5

**chat room** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
EMAIL 8

**chat up** ▶ TALK 9

**chat/live chat** ▶ TALK 1

**chatter** ▶ TALK 4

**chatterbox** ▶ TALK 12

**chattering**  
*sb's teeth are chattering* ▶ COLD 4

**chatting**  
*get talking/chatting* ▶ TALK 3

**chatty** ▶ TALK 12

**chauffeur** ▶ DRIVE 5

**chauvinist** ▶ PREJUDICED 3

**cheap** ▶ BAD 2; CHEAP 1, 2; SPEND  
MONEY/TIME 8; TASTE IN  
CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 6  
*be going cheap* ▶ CHEAP 7  
*dirt cheap* ▶ CHEAP 5  
*not come cheap* ▶ EXPENSIVE 1  
*on the cheap* ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 5

**cheap and nasty** ▶ CHEAP 2

**cheapskate** ▶ GENEROUS/NOT  
GENEROUS 3

**cheat** ▶ CHEAT 1, 3, 6

**cheat on sb** ▶ SEX 7

**check** ▶ CHECK 1; EXAMINE 1, 3;  
PAY 14  
*I'll take a rain check* ▶ REJECT 1  
*keep/hold sb/sth in check*  
▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 1

**check out** ▶ CHECK 1; TRUE 2

**check over** ▶ EXAMINE 1

**check up on** ▶ EXAMINE 2

**check-up** ▶ EXAMINE 4

**checklist** ▶ LIST 1

**cheeky** ▶ RUDE 2

**cheer** ▶ CLAP 1; SHOUT 1, 2

**cheer sb up** ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB  
FEEL BETTER 1; SAD 9

**cheer up** ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB FEEL  
BETTER 1; HAPPY 5, 6; SAD 9

**cheered**  
*be heartened/be cheered* ▶ HAPPY 6

**cheerful** ▶ HAPPY 1, 4  
*have a happy/cheerful/sunny  
disposition* ▶ HAPPY 4

**cheers** ▶ DRINK 11  
*ta/cheers* ▶ THANK 1

**cheery** ▶ HAPPY 1

**cheese**  
*be like chalk and cheese*  
▶ DIFFERENT 2

**chef** ▶ COOK 9

**chemist** ▶ SHOP/STORE 2

**chemistry** ▶ RELATIONSHIP 1

**cheque**  
*give sb a blank cheque* ▶ LET/  
ALLOW 6

**chest**  
*get sth off your chest* ▶ TELL 8  
*play your cards close to your chest*  
▶ SECRET 6

**chew** ▶ BITE 4; EAT 1

**chew out** ▶ TELL SB OFF 2

**chic** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
FASHIONABLE 1

**chicken out/wimp out** ▶ BRAVE/  
NOT BRAVE 7

**chicken-and-egg**  
*a chicken-and-egg problem/situation/  
dilemma* ▶ PROBLEM 4

**chickens**  
*don't count your chickens (before  
they're hatched)* ▶ EXPECT 3

**chief executive** ▶ MANAGER 2

**chief/principal** ▶ MAIN 1

**chiefly**  
*largely/chiefly* ▶ MAIN 4

**child** ▶ BABY 1; CHILD 1, 2  
*problem child* ▶ DIFFICULT 7  
*unborn child/baby* ▶ BABY 3

**child support**  
*pay child support* ▶ PAY 10

**child's play**  
*be child's play* ▶ EASY 2

**child-rearing** ▶ LOOK AFTER 2

**childbirth** ▶ BABY 5

**childcare/child care** ▶ LOOK  
AFTER 4

**childhood** ▶ CHILD 4; YOUNG 6

**childish** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 3

**childminder** ▶ LOOK AFTER 4

**children**  
*be able to have children* ▶ BABY 12  
*not able/be unable to have children*  
▶ BABY 13

**chill** ▶ COLD 8  
*take the chill off* ▶ HOT 8

**chill/chill out** ▶ CALM 5; RELAX/  
RELAXED 1; REST 1

**chilled** ▶ COLD 7

**chilling** ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
FRIGHTENING 5

**chilly** ▶ COLD 1, 5; WEATHER 8

**chime** ▶ SOUND 13



**chimney**  
*smoke like a chimney* ▶ SMOKING 2

**chip** ▶ BREAK 7; PIECE 6  
*be a chip off the old block* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 6

**chip away at** ▶ REDUCE 6

**chip in** ▶ GIVE 14

**chipped** ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 1

**chivvy sb along** ▶ HURRY 3

**chock-a-block**  
*be chock-a-block* ▶ FULL 1

**choice** ▶ CHOOSE 6, 7, 8  
*first choice* ▶ FAVOURITE 1  
*have no choice/option* ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 3  
*make a choice* ▶ CHOOSE 1  
*of your choice* ▶ CHOOSE 7

**choir** ▶ SING 3

**choke** ▶ BREATHE 8, 9

**choose** ▶ CHOOSE 1, 4, 5; DECIDE 1  
*there is little to choose between/there is not much to choose between* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 9  
*there's nothing to choose between* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 3  
*to choose from* ▶ CHOOSE 8

**choosy** ▶ CHOOSE 9

**chop and change** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 13

**chop down**  
*cut down/chop down* ▶ CUT 6

**chop off** ▶ CUT 7

**chop/chop up** ▶ CUT 2, 6

**choral** ▶ SING 4

**chore** ▶ WORK 10

**choreograph** ▶ DANCE 5

**choreographer** ▶ DANCE 5

**choreography** ▶ DANCE 5

**chorus** ▶ SING 3

**chosen** ▶ CHOOSE 7

**chow down** ▶ EAT 1

**christen** ▶ CALL/DESCRIBE AS 2; NAME 6

**Christian name** ▶ NAME 1

**chronic** ▶ CURE 3; LONG 7

**chronicle** ▶ RECORD 2

**chubby** ▶ FAT 1, 4

**chuck** ▶ THROW 1, 6

**chuckle** ▶ LAUGH 1

**chunk** ▶ PIECE 3

**chunky** ▶ THICK 1

**church** ▶ RELIGION 2

**churn out/turn out** ▶ MAKE 1

**cinch**  
*be a cinch/a piece of cake* ▶ EASY 2

**cinema** ▶ FILM/MOVIE 1  
*go to the cinema* ▶ FILM/MOVIE 1

**circa** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 3

**circle** ▶ AROUND/ROUND 4; CIRCLE 1; GROUP 3; TURN 1  
*vicious circle* ▶ PROBLEM 4

**circle of friends** ▶ FRIEND 3

**circle/ring** ▶ CIRCLE 5

**circles**  
*go around in circles* ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 3  
*go/run/drive etc around in circles* ▶ TURN 1  
*in circles* ▶ AROUND/ROUND 4

**circular** ▶ CIRCLE 2; ROUND 2

**circulate** ▶ SEND 1; SPREAD 2

**circulation** ▶ READ 8

**circumstances** ▶ SITUATION 1, 2  
*force of circumstances* ▶ SITUATION 3  
*given the situation/circumstances* ▶ SITUATION 3  
*under/in the circumstances* ▶ SITUATION 3

**cite** ▶ EXAMPLE 2

**citizen** ▶ COUNTRY 5; LIVE 5  
*senior citizen* ▶ OLD 5

**citizenship** ▶ COUNTRY 6

**city** ▶ TOWN 1, 6  
*inner city* ▶ POOR 6; TOWN 2

**civic** ▶ TOWN 6

**civil** ▶ POLITE 1

**civil liberties** ▶ RIGHT 10

**civil rights** ▶ RIGHT 10

**claim** ▶ ASK 13, 17; RIGHT 9; SAY 3  
*lay claim to* ▶ OWN 5  
*stake your claim* ▶ OWN 5

**claimant** ▶ ASK 13

**clairvoyant** ▶ PREDICT 6

**clam up** ▶ SAY 10

**clamber** ▶ CLIMB 1

**clammy** ▶ WET 2

**clamour** ▶ LOUD 3

**clamp down on** ▶ STOP 20; STRICT/NOT STRICT 4

**clandestine** ▶ SECRET 3

**clang** ▶ SOUND 7

**clank** ▶ SOUND 7

**clap** ▶ CLAP 1  
*slap/clap sb on the back* ▶ HIT 6

**clapped-out** ▶ CONDITION 4

**clarify** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 2

**clash** ▶ ARGUE 1; FIGHT 1, 5; SUIT/LOOK GOOD TOGETHER 3; TIME 18; WAR 2

**clasp**  
*clutch/clasp* ▶ HOLD 2

**class** ▶ CLASS 1, 2, 4; GROUP 13; TYPE 1  
*gym (class)* ▶ SPORT/GAME 1

**classic** ▶ GOOD 5; LONG 11; TYPICAL 1

**classified** ▶ SECRET 1

**classify** ▶ GROUP 13; TYPE 4

**classwork** ▶ WORK 2

**classy** ▶ EXPENSIVE 3; STYLE/ELEGANCE 2

**clatter** ▶ SOUND 5

**clause** ▶ LAW 3; WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 2

**clean** ▶ CLEAN 1, 2, 4; GOOD 10; WASH 3  
*come clean* ▶ ADMIT 1  
*keep your nose clean* ▶ BEHAVE 2  
*spotlessly clean/spotless* ▶ CLEAN 1

**clean out** ▶ CLEAN 4

**clean up** ▶ IMPROVE 2; TIDY 2

**clean up your act** ▶ BEHAVE 4

**clean-cut** ▶ TIDY 4

**cleaned up**  
*get cleaned up* ▶ WASH 1

**cleaner** ▶ CLEAN 8

**cleaner's/dry cleaner's** ▶ CLEAN 8

**cleanse** ▶ WASH 1

**clear** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 1, 6, 7; EARN 2; EMPTY 6; INNOCENT 3; JUMP 2; OBVIOUS 1; PAY 6; SEE 8; UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 8  
*a clear conscience* ▶ GUILTY 8  
*exonerate/clear* ▶ BLAME 5  
*in the clear* ▶ INNOCENT 1

*make clear* ▶ SHOW 8  
*make clear/make it clear* ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 2  
*make your intentions clear/known* ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 5  
*steer clear of* ▶ AVOID 3; TALK 16  
*unclear/not clear* ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 3, 4, 8; UNCERTAIN 1

**clear a space** ▶ SPACE 2

**clear out** ▶ EMPTY 5

**clear the air** ▶ ARGUE 7

**clear the way for** ▶ POSSIBLE 3

**clear up** ▶ SOLVE 5; TIDY 2

**clear your conscience** ▶ GUILTY 9

**clearance** ▶ LET/ALLOW 8

**clearing** ▶ AREA 6

**clearly**  
*obviously/clearly* ▶ OBVIOUS 1

**clever** ▶ INTELLIGENT 1, 5, 8  
*be too clever by half* ▶ INTELLIGENT 7  
*be too clever for* ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 4  
*not very bright/intelligent/clever/smart* ▶ STUPID/SILLY 5

**cliché** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 3

**clichéd** ▶ USE 13

**click** ▶ FRIEND 5; UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 6

**click on** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 4

**clicked**  
*it clicked* ▶ REALIZE 1

**client** ▶ BUY 5

**clientele** ▶ BUY 5

**climate** ▶ SITUATION 1; WEATHER 1

**climate change** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 5

**climatic** ▶ WEATHER 2

**climax** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 5

**climb** ▶ CLIMB 1; INCREASE 1; UP 3, 6, 10

**climb down** ▶ ADMIT 7

**climb/climb up** ▶ UP 5

**climber** ▶ CLIMB 2  
*social climber* ▶ CLASS 8

**climbing** ▶ CLIMB 3

**clinch** ▶ GET 3

**cling**  
*hope against hope (that)/cling to the hope that* ▶ HOPE 4

**cling to** ▶ HOLD 2; NEAR 10

**clinic** ▶ HOSPITAL 1

**clinical** ▶ FEEL 13

**clink** ▶ SOUND 7

**clip** ▶ PART 3

**clique** ▶ GROUP 6

**cliquey/cliquish** ▶ UNFRIENDLY 1

**cloak-and-dagger** ▶ SECRET 1

**cloaked**  
*be veiled in secrecy/shrouded in secrecy/cloaked in secrecy* ▶ SECRET 1

**clobber** ▶ HIT 1

**clobber/hammer** ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 2

**clock**  
*around the clock* ▶ CONTINUE 6  
*put/turn the clock back* ▶ PAST 4  
*work/race against the clock* ▶ HURRY 5

**clockwork**  
*go like clockwork* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 4

**clone** ▶ COPY 1, 4



- close** ▶ CAREFUL 5; COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 4; END 1; LOVE 3; NEAR 1; RELATIONSHIP 2; ROAD/PATH 1; SHUT 1, 8  
*be close* ▶ ALMOST 3; WIN 5  
*be close at hand* ▶ NEAR 3  
*be too close to call* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 4  
*bring sth to an end/to a close* ▶ FINISH 4  
*draw to a close/to an end* ▶ FINISH 8  
*get near/close* ▶ NEAR 8  
*shut/close* ▶ SHUT 2  
*stay close/keep close* ▶ NEAR 10  
*that was close* ▶ ALMOST 5  
*up close* ▶ NEAR 7
- close down** ▶ FAIL 8
- close friend**  
*good/close friend* ▶ FRIEND 2
- close in on** ▶ NEAR 8
- close quarters**  
*at close quarters* ▶ NEAR 7
- close ranks** ▶ UNITE 2
- close shave** ▶ ALMOST 5; JUST 4
- close thing**  
*be a near/close thing* ▶ ALMOST 5, JUST 3
- close to** ▶ ALMOST 1  
*be close to death/near (to) death* ▶ DIE 5  
*be close to tears/be on the verge of tears,* ▶ CRY 3  
*come close to/come near to* ▶ ALMOST 5  
*nearing/approaching/close to* ▶ ALMOST 4
- close up** ▶ NEAR 7
- close your eyes to**  
*shut/close your eyes to* ▶ IGNORE 3
- close!**  
*that was close!* ▶ JUST 4
- close-fitting**  
*tight-fitting/close-fitting* ▶ TIGHT 1
- close-up** ▶ NEAR 7
- close/shut** ▶ SHUT 3, 4
- closed**  
*be closed* ▶ FINISH 10; SHUT 8  
*shut/closed* ▶ SHUT 7
- closed book**  
*be a closed book* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 15
- closed doors**  
*behind closed doors* ▶ SECRET 5
- closely**  
*look carefully/closely* ▶ EXAMINE 1
- closeness**  
*nearness/closeness* ▶ NEAR 5
- closet** ▶ SECRET 6  
*be in the closet* ▶ GAY 4
- closing** ▶ END 3; LAST 1
- closing on**  
*be gaining on/be closing on* ▶ NEAR 9
- closure** ▶ FAIL 8
- clot** ▶ LIQUID 6
- cloth** ▶ MATERIAL 2
- clothes** ▶ CLOTHES 1  
*tear sb's clothes off* ▶ CLOTHES 11
- clothing** ▶ CLOTHES 1
- cloud** ▶ WEATHER 11
- cloud/confuse the issue** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 5
- cloudy** ▶ WEATHER 11
- clout** ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 1
- club** ▶ DANCE 4; HIT 2; ORGANIZATION 4
- clue**  
*have no idea/not have a clue* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 12, 15
- clued up**  
*be clued up* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 3
- clump** ▶ WALK 7
- clumsy** ▶ CARELESS 1; CLUMSY 1
- cluster** ▶ GROUP 1, 9, 10
- clutch/clasp** ▶ HOLD 2
- clutch/grasp at** ▶ HOLD 3
- clutter** ▶ UNTIDY 4
- clutter/clutter up** ▶ UNTIDY 3
- cluttered** ▶ UNTIDY 1
- co-star** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 4, 5
- co-worker** ▶ WORK FOR SB 5
- Co.** ▶ COMPANY 5
- coach** ▶ TEACH 1, 5
- coarse** ▶ ROUGH/NOT SMOOTH 1; SEX 19
- coast** ▶ EASY 3  
*the coast* ▶ LAND/GROUND 6
- coastline** ▶ LAND/GROUND 6
- coat** ▶ COVER 1
- coated in/with**  
*be coated in/with* ▶ COVER 3
- coating** ▶ COVER 5
- coax** ▶ PERSUADE 2
- cobble together** ▶ MAKE 2
- cocky** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 2
- code** ▶ RULE/REGULATION 1
- code name** ▶ NAME 4
- coed** ▶ SEX 2
- coerce** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 2
- cohabit** ▶ LIVE 4
- coherent** ▶ LOGICAL 1; UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 8
- coil/coil up** ▶ BEND 1
- coin** ▶ INVENT 1
- coincide** ▶ SAME 8; TIME 18
- coincidence** ▶ CHANCE 1
- cold** ▶ COLD 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7; FEEL 13; UNFRIENDLY 1; WEATHER 8  
*be blue with cold* ▶ COLD 4  
*be out cold* ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 1  
*bitterly cold/bitter* ▶ COLD 2  
*blow hot and cold* ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 26  
*feel the heat/cold* ▶ FEEL 4  
*freezing/freezing cold* ▶ COLD 2  
*get cold/colder* ▶ COLD 9  
*leave sb cold* ▶ INTERESTED 6  
*make your blood run cold* ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 4  
*the cold* ▶ COLD 1  
*turn cold/colder* ▶ COLD 9
- cold blood**  
*in cold blood* ▶ CRUEL 2
- cold feet**  
*get cold feet* ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 24
- cold shoulder**  
*give sb the cold shoulder* ▶ UNFRIENDLY 1
- cold snap** ▶ COLD 1
- cold spell** ▶ COLD 1
- cold water**  
*pour cold water on* ▶ SPOIL 2
- cold-blooded** ▶ CRUEL 2
- colder**  
*get cold/colder* ▶ COLD 9
- collaborate** ▶ BETRAY 2; WITH/TOGETHER 4
- collaboration**  
*in collaboration with* ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 2
- collaborative** ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 6
- collaborator** ▶ BETRAY 4
- collapse** ▶ FALL 1, 3; UNCONSCIOUS 2
- collapsible**  
*folding/collapsible* ▶ FOLD 2
- colleague** ▶ WORK FOR SB 5
- collect** ▶ COLLECT 1; CROWD 4; GET 8; INCREASE 5; MEET 5; TAKE 3
- collection** ▶ COLLECT 3; GROUP 10  
*have a collection* ▶ GIVE 14
- collection/assortment** ▶ GROUP 3
- collective** ▶ EVERYONE 4; WITH/TOGETHER 6
- collectively** ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 2, 11
- collector** ▶ COLLECT 2
- college** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 5  
*sixth form college* ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 4
- collide** ▶ HIT 3, 4
- collision** ▶ ACCIDENT 2; HIT 10
- colloquial** ▶ LANGUAGE 1
- collude** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 7
- collusion**  
*in collusion with* ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 3
- colony** ▶ COUNTRY 2
- colossal** ▶ BIG 2, 6
- colour** ▶ COLOUR 1, 7, 8; EFFECT/AFFECT 3; RACE 1  
*lose its colour* ▶ COLOUR 9  
*off colour* ▶ ILL/SICK 2
- coloured** ▶ COLOUR 2
- colourful** ▶ COLOUR 3; INTERESTING 3, 5
- colourful language** ▶ RUDE 6
- colouring** ▶ COLOUR 1
- colourless** ▶ COLOUR 6
- colours**  
*true colours* ▶ CHARACTER 3
- column** ▶ LINE 7, 10; NEWSPAPERS 2
- columnist** ▶ NEWSPAPERS 3
- coma**  
*be in a coma* ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 1  
*slip/sink/lapse/fall into a coma* ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 2
- comb** ▶ LOOK FOR 5
- combat** ▶ FIGHT 7
- combination** ▶ MIX 3, 6  
*in combination* ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 10
- combine** ▶ MIX 1, 2, 5; UNITE 1
- combined** ▶ MIX 7; WITH/TOGETHER 6
- combined with** ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 10
- come** ▶ ARRIVE 1; GO 1  
*go down/come down* ▶ LESS 5  
*not come up to/not live up to* ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 4  
*to come* ▶ FUTURE 1
- come about** ▶ HAPPEN 1
- come across** ▶ FIND 6
- come across as** ▶ SEEM 1
- come across well/come over well** ▶ IMPRESS 1
- come after** ▶ AFTER 5  
*be/come after* ▶ AFTER 9



**come along** ▶ ARRIVE 5; BABY 4; PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 1

**come around** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 25; WAKE UP/GET UP 1

**come away** ▶ BREAK 8

**come back** ▶ RETURN 1

**come back to** ▶ REMEMBER 2

**come before** ▶ BEFORE 5, 7

**come between** ▶ ARGUE 8

**come clean** ▶ ADMIT 1

**come close to/come near to** ▶ ALMOST 5

**come down** ▶ DOWN 2; DRUG 3; FALL 4

**come down hard on** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 4

**come down on** ▶ PUNISH 2

**come down to** ▶ MEANING 8; REACH 1

**come down with** ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 3

**come forward** ▶ OFFER 2

**come from** ▶ COME FROM 1, 3, 4, 5, 6

**come in** ▶ ARRIVE 2; ENTER 1, 2; FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 3; GET 4

**come into being/existence** ▶ START 11

**come into it**  
*doesn't come into it/doesn't enter into it* ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 7

**come into/enter into** ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 3

**come July/summer/next year** ▶ FUTURE 3

**come of** ▶ RESULT 4

**come off** ▶ BREAK 8; DRUG 6; STOP 5; SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 3

**come off it** ▶ BELIEVE 4

**come on** ▶ HURRY 2

**come on in** ▶ ENTER 2

**come out** ▶ APPEAR 1; FIND OUT 3; FLOW 1; GAY 3; REMOVE 4

**come out of** ▶ RESULT 4

**come out right/turn out right** ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 3

**come out with** ▶ SAY 7

**come over all** ▶ FEEL 1

**come over/come around/come round** ▶ VISIT 1

**come round** ▶ CONSCIOUS 2

**come through** ▶ SURVIVE 2, 3

**come to** ▶ ARRIVE 4; CONSCIOUS 2; IDEA 4; START 1; TOTAL 2  
*arrive at/come to/reach a decision* ▶ DECIDE 1

**come to blows** ▶ FIGHT 1

**come together** ▶ MEET 4; UNITE 1

**come up** ▶ GROW 1; HAPPEN 1; UP 8

**come up against** ▶ PROBLEM 6

**come up to** ▶ REACH 1; TOWARDS 3

**come up to sb's standards/expectations etc** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 2

**come up with/think up** ▶ INVENT 1

**come what may** ▶ NO MATTER WHAT/HOW MUCH ETC 1

**come with** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 3; WITH/TOGETHER 9

**comeback**  
*make a comeback* ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 3

**comedian/comic** ▶ JOKE 4

**comedy** ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2; FUNNY 2, 5  
*romantic comedy* ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2

**comes**  
*take sth as it comes* ▶ PLAN 11

**comeuppance**  
*get your comeuppance* ▶ DESERVE 2

**comfort** ▶ COMFORTABLE/UNCOMFORTABLE 1; COMFORT/MAKE SB FEEL BETTER 1, 3; SAD 9  
*in comfort* ▶ COMFORTABLE/UNCOMFORTABLE 1

**comfortable** ▶ COMFORTABLE/UNCOMFORTABLE 1, 2, 3; RICH 1  
*be/feel comfortable* ▶ RELAX/RELAXED 3

**comfortably**  
*be comfortably off* ▶ RICH 1

**comforting** ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB FEEL BETTER 2

**comforts** ▶ COMFORTABLE/UNCOMFORTABLE 4

**comfy** ▶ COMFORTABLE/UNCOMFORTABLE 2

**comic** ▶ FUNNY 2  
*comedian/comic* ▶ JOKE 4

**comical** ▶ FUNNY 1

**coming**  
*had it coming* ▶ DESERVE 2  
*have it coming* ▶ PUNISH 9  
*see sth coming* ▶ PREDICT 2  
*the coming of* ▶ BEGINNING 4

**coming up**  
*be coming up* ▶ HAPPEN 1; SOON 3

**command** ▶ TELL 18, 22  
*have a good command of* ▶ GOOD AT 3

**commandeer** ▶ TAKE 9

**commemorate** ▶ CELEBRATE 1; REMEMBER 9

**commendable** ▶ PRAISE 8

**commendation** ▶ PRAISE 5

**comment** ▶ SAY 1, 11  
*be a comment on* ▶ SHOW 11

**commentary** ▶ DESCRIBE 3

**commentator** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 8

**commerce** ▶ BUSINESS 1

**commercial** ▶ ADVERTISING 3; BUSINESS 3; PRIVATE 7

**commiserate** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 3

**commission** ▶ EARN 9; WORK 12

**commit** ▶ CRIME 5; DO/NOT DO 4; ILLEGAL 3

**commit sth to memory** ▶ LEARN 2

**commit to** ▶ PROMISE 1

**commitment** ▶ PROMISE 2; WORK 5

**committed** ▶ WORK HARD 4

**committee** ▶ GROUP 4

**common** ▶ COMMON 1, 2; EVERYONE 4; LOT 8, 9; SAME 1  
*have a lot in common/have so much in common* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 7  
*have nothing in common* ▶ DIFFERENT 2  
*uncommon/not common* ▶ RARE/RARELY 2; UNUSUAL 1

**common knowledge**  
*be common knowledge* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 9

**common sense** ▶ SENSIBLE 5

**commonplace** ▶ COMMON 1, 2

**commotion** ▶ LOUD 3

**communal** ▶ SHARE 1

**communicate** ▶ CONTACT 2; EXPRESS 1, 2

**communication** ▶ CONTACT 4

**community** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 3

**commute** ▶ TRAVEL 7  
*a commute* ▶ TRAVEL 10

**commuter** ▶ TRAVEL 11

**compact** ▶ SMALL 1

**companion** ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 5

**companionship** ▶ FRIEND 6

**company** ▶ COMPANY 1, 4; WITH/TOGETHER 1  
*be good company* ▶ ENJOY 5  
*have company/visitors/guests* ▶ VISIT 6  
*in sb's company* ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 1  
*prefer your own company* ▶ ALONE 3

**comparable** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 1

**comparative** ▶ COMPARE 2

**compare** ▶ COMPARE 1  
*not be in the same league/can't compare with* ▶ WORSE 1

**compared to/with** ▶ COMPARE 2

**comparison**  
*in comparison/by comparison* ▶ COMPARE 2  
*make a comparison* ▶ COMPARE 1  
*there's no comparison* ▶ BETTER 2

**compassion** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 6

**compassionate** ▶ KIND 2; SYMPATHIZE 5

**compatible** ▶ SUITABLE 3; WITH/TOGETHER 10

**compel** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 2

**compel sb to do sth** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 3

**compelled**  
*feel compelled to do sth* ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 3

**compelling** ▶ INTERESTING 2; PERSUADE 6

**compensate** ▶ PAY 9

**compensate for** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 5

**compensation** ▶ PAY 9

**compete** ▶ COMPETE WITH 1, 2

**compete/take part** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 3

**competence** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 4

**competent** ▶ GOOD AT 1; GOOD ENOUGH 1

**competition** ▶ COMPETE WITH 3; COMPETITION 1  
*the competition* ▶ COMPETE WITH 5

**competitive** ▶ AMBITIOUS 1; CHEAP 4; COMPETE WITH 3, 6

**competitor** ▶ COMPETE WITH 4, 5; PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 3; TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 8

**compile** ▶ WRITE 5

**complain** ▶ COMPLAIN 1

**complain of** ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 2

**complaint** ▶ COMPLAIN 4; ILLNESS/DISEASE 1  
*lodge a complaint* ▶ COMPLAIN 1  
*make a complaint* ▶ COMPLAIN 1

**complement** ▶ SUITABLE 4; SUIT/LOOK GOOD TOGETHER 2

**complete** ▶ COMPLETE/NOT COMPLETE 1, 2, 3; FINISH 1  
*be complete* ▶ FINISH 5  
*total/complete* ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 3

**complete/total/absolute/utter** ▶ COMPLETELY 1



**completed** ▶ FINISH 5  
**completely** ▶ COMPLETELY 1  
*not completely/entirely* ▶ PARTLY 1  
**complex** ▶ COMPLICATED 1  
*leisure centre/complex* ▶ SPORT/GAME 7  
**compliant** ▶ OBEY 4  
**complicate** ▶ DIFFICULT 6  
**complicated** ▶ COMPLICATED 1  
**complication** ▶ PROBLEM 1  
**compliment** ▶ PRAISE 1, 5  
**complimentary** ▶ FREE 2; PRAISE 7  
*be complimentary about* ▶ PRAISE 1  
**comply with** ▶ OBEY 2  
**component** ▶ PART 1  
**compose** ▶ MUSIC 5; WRITE 5, 12  
**compose yourself** ▶ CALM 3  
**composed** ▶ CALM 1  
*be composed of* ▶ CONSIST OF 1  
**composer** ▶ MUSIC 6; WRITE 12  
**composition** ▶ MUSIC 2  
**compound** ▶ MIX 3; WORSE 3  
**comprehend** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 1  
**comprehensible** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 8  
**comprehension** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 7  
**comprehensive** ▶ COMPLETE/NOT COMPLETE 2  
**comprehensive school** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 4  
**compress** ▶ PRESS 2  
**comprise** ▶ CONSIST OF 1  
**compromise** ▶ AGREE 5, 6  
**compulsion** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 6  
**compulsive** ▶ HABIT 2; STOP 9  
**compulsory** ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 2  
**compunction**  
*have/feel no compunction* ▶ GUILTY 8  
**computer** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 1  
*program/computer program*  
▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 2  
*programmer/computer programmer*  
▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 3  
*user/computer user* ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 3  
**con** ▶ CHEAT 1, 5; TRICK/DECEIVE 1  
*con-man/con artist* ▶ CHEAT 6  
*congame/con* ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 3  
**con man/con artist/scam artist**  
▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 5  
**con-man/con artist** ▶ CHEAT 6  
**conceal** ▶ HIDE 1, 4, 7, 8  
**conceal yourself** ▶ HIDE 2  
**concealed** ▶ HIDE 6  
**concede** ▶ LOSE 4  
**conceit** ▶ PROUD 6  
**conceited/big-headed** ▶ PROUD 2  
**conceivably** ▶ MAYBE 1  
**conceive** ▶ INVENT 1  
**conceive of** ▶ IMAGINE 1  
**concentrate** ▶ ATTENTION 1  
**concentrate/focus on**  
▶ ATTENTION 2  
**concentration** ▶ ATTENTION 1  
*lose (your) concentration*  
▶ ATTENTION 4  
**concept** ▶ IDEA 3

**concern** ▶ ABOUT 2; WORRIED/WORRYING 2, 6, 7  
*cause concern/be a cause for concern*  
▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 2  
**concerned** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 1  
*as far as I'm/we're concerned*  
▶ THINK 10  
*not worried/concerned* ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 9  
**concerned with**  
*deal with/be concerned with*  
▶ ABOUT 2  
**concerning/regarding** ▶ ABOUT 1  
**concert** ▶ MUSIC 7  
**concession** ▶ LET/ALLOW 7  
**concessions**  
*make concessions* ▶ AGREE 5  
**conciliatory** ▶ ARGUE 7  
**concise** ▶ SHORT 2  
**conclude** ▶ AGREE 4; DECIDE 2; FINISH 1, 4  
**concluding** ▶ LAST 1  
**conclusion** ▶ END 1, 2  
*be a foregone conclusion*  
▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 2  
*come to/reach the conclusion*  
▶ DECIDE 2  
**conclusions**  
*jump to conclusions* ▶ DECIDE 2  
**conclusive** ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 3  
**concoct** ▶ COOK 1  
**concrete**  
*solid/concrete* ▶ REAL 6  
**concur** ▶ AGREE 1  
**condemn** ▶ DISAPPROVE 2  
**condemned** ▶ KILL 7  
*be condemned* ▶ PUNISH 5  
*be condemned to* ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 3  
**condense** ▶ LIQUID 5; SHORT 3  
**condition** ▶ CONDITION 1, 7, 8; ILLNESS/DISEASE 1; TEACH 3  
*be in good condition* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 5  
*in bad condition* ▶ CONDITION 3, 4  
*in good condition* ▶ CONDITION 2  
*in perfect/mint condition*  
▶ CONDITION 2  
*not be in shape/be out of shape/be out of condition* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 6  
*on condition that* ▶ CONDITION 9; IF 3  
**conditional**  
*be conditional on/upon*  
▶ CONDITION 9  
**conditions** ▶ SITUATION 1; WEATHER 1  
**condolences**  
*send/offer/express condolences*  
▶ SYMPATHIZE 3  
**condominium** ▶ HOUSE 2  
**condone** ▶ APPROVE 1  
**conducive to**  
*be conducive to* ▶ HELP 3  
**conduct** ▶ BEHAVE 5; DO/NOT DO 1; SHOW 6; TAKE 5  
**conduct yourself** ▶ BEHAVE 1  
**confer** ▶ GIVE 3  
**conference** ▶ MEET 6  
**confess** ▶ ADMIT 1  
*admit/confess* ▶ ADMIT 3  
**confession** ▶ ADMIT 2  
**confide in** ▶ TELL 8

**confidence** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 3; TRUST/NOT TRUST 3  
*boost sb's confidence* ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 4  
*build/build up (sb's) confidence*  
▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 4  
*give sb confidence* ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 4  
*lack confidence/be lacking in confidence* ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 5  
*lose confidence* ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 5  
*shake/damage (sb's) confidence*  
▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 6  
**confident** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 1; SURE/NOT SURE 1  
**confidential** ▶ SECRET 1  
**confidentiality** ▶ SECRET 4  
**confine** ▶ KEEP 9; LIMIT 4; PRISON 3  
**confined to**  
*be confined to* ▶ ONLY 5  
**confinement** ▶ KEEP 11  
**confines** ▶ LIMIT 3  
**confirm** ▶ CHECK 1; PROVE 1; SAY 3  
**confiscate** ▶ TAKE 9  
**conflict** ▶ WAR 1  
*be in conflict with* ▶ DISAGREE 2  
**conflicting** ▶ DIFFERENT 12  
**conform to** ▶ OBEY 2  
**conformist** ▶ CONVENTIONAL/UNCONVENTIONAL 1  
**confront** ▶ ACCUSE 1  
**confrontation** ▶ FIGHT 5  
**confrontational** ▶ ARGUE 6  
**confronted with/by**  
*be confronted with/by* ▶ DEAL WITH 5  
**confuse** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 5; CONFUSED 4, 5  
*cloud/confuse the issue* ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 5  
**confused** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 4; CONFUSED 1; MENTALLY ILL 1  
**confusing** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 3; CONFUSED 3  
**confusion** ▶ CONFUSED 1; ORGANIZE 4  
**congame/con** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 3  
**congeal** ▶ LIQUID 6  
**conglomerate** ▶ COMPANY 2  
**congratulate** ▶ PRAISE 1  
**congratulations** ▶ PRAISE 6  
**congregate** ▶ CROWD 4  
**Congress** ▶ GOVERNMENT 3  
**congressman/congresswoman**  
▶ POLITICS 2  
**conjecture** ▶ GUESS 5  
**conjunction**  
*in conjunction with* ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 2, 10  
**connect** ▶ JOIN 1, 2, 3  
**connected**  
*be connected with* ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 2  
*be connected/be related*  
▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 1  
*not connected/not related*  
▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 6  
**connection** ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 3; JOIN 2, 6  
*have no connection with*  
▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 6  
*make a connection* ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 5



**connections**  
*have links/connections with*  
▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 2  
*sever links/connections/relations/ties*  
▶ SEPARATE 8

**connoisseur** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 4

**connotation** ▶ MEANING 1

**connote** ▶ MEANING 3

**conquer** ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 3  
*overcome/conquer* ▶ STOP 28

**conquest** ▶ WIN 6

**cons**  
*the pros and cons* ▶ ADVANTAGE 3

**conscience** ▶ GOOD 14; GUILTY 7  
*a clear conscience* ▶ GUILTY 8  
*be on sb's conscience* ▶ GUILTY 6  
*clear your conscience* ▶ GUILTY 9  
*have a guilty conscience* ▶ GUILTY 6  
*salve your conscience* ▶ GUILTY 9

**conscientious** ▶ CAREFUL 4

**conscious** ▶ CONSCIOUS 1;  
DELIBERATELY 2  
*be conscious* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 1, 11  
*become aware/conscious* ▶ NOTICE/  
NOT NOTICE 18

**consciously** ▶ DELIBERATELY 1

**consciousness**  
*lose consciousness*  
▶ UNCONSCIOUS 2  
*regain consciousness* ▶ CONSCIOUS 2

**conscripted**  
*be conscripted* ▶ ARMY 5

**conscription** ▶ ARMY 5

**consecutive** ▶ SERIES 3

**consensus** ▶ AGREE 7; OPINION 4

**consent** ▶ LET/ALLOW 8  
*give your consent* ▶ LET/ALLOW 1

**consequence** ▶ RESULT 2

**consequent**  
*resulting/consequent* ▶ RESULT 4

**consequently**  
*as a result/consequently* ▶ SO/  
THEREFORE 1

**conservation** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 3

**conservative** ▶ CONVENTIONAL/  
UNCONVENTIONAL 1

**conserve** ▶ SAVE 8

**consider** ▶ THINK 1, 3, 8

**considerable** ▶ BIG 7

**considerable/sizeable/sizable**  
▶ BIG 5

**considerate/thoughtful** ▶ KIND 1

**consideration**  
*be under consideration* ▶ THINK 1

**considered**  
*on the whole/all in all/all things*  
*considered* ▶ IN GENERAL 2

**consist of/be made up of**  
▶ CONSIST OF 1

**consistent** ▶ SAME 5  
*be consistent with* ▶ SAME 8

**consolation** ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB  
FEEL BETTER 3

**console** ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB FEEL  
BETTER 1

**consoling** ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB  
FEEL BETTER 2

**conspicuous** ▶ NOTICE/NOT  
NOTICE 4; OBVIOUS 1

**conspiracy** ▶ PLAN 2

**conspire** ▶ PLAN 7

**constant** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 22; CONTINUE 5, 7; SAME 5  
*continual/constant* ▶ OFTEN 4

**constantly** ▶ ALWAYS 2

**constantly/continually** ▶ OFTEN 2

**constituent** ▶ PART 1

**constitute** ▶ BE 1, 2, 3

**constitution**  
*have a strong/good etc constitution*  
▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 2

**constitutional** ▶ LEGAL 2

**constrained**  
*be constrained* ▶ LIMIT 3

**constraints** ▶ LIMIT 3

**construct** ▶ BUILD/BUILDING 1;  
MAKE 1

**construction** ▶ BUILD/BUILDING 2

**construe sth as** ▶ UNDERSTAND/  
NOT UNDERSTAND 5

**consult** ▶ ADVISE 3; ASK 1

**consultant** ▶ ADVISE 6; DOCTOR 1

**consume** ▶ EAT 1; USE 16

**consumer** ▶ USE 18

**consumers** ▶ BUY 5

**consumption** ▶ USE 17  
*unfit for human consumption*  
▶ EAT 14

**contact** ▶ CONTACT 1, 4; WRITE 4  
*be in contact* ▶ CONTACT 2  
*come into contact* ▶ TOUCH 3  
*keep in contact* ▶ CONTACT 2  
*lose contact* ▶ CONTACT 5  
*make contact with* ▶ CONTACT 1

**contagious** ▶ SPREAD 3

**contain** ▶ CONSIST OF 2; CONTAIN 1;  
INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 1

**contaminate** ▶ DIRTY 5

**contaminated** ▶ DIRTY 3

**contemplate** ▶ THINK 3

**contemporary** ▶ MODERN 2; NOW 4

**contempt** ▶ HATE 3

**contend with**  
*have to contend with* ▶ DEAL WITH 5

**content** ▶ HAPPY 1; IN/INSIDE 7;  
SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 2  
*not content* ▶ SATISFIED/NOT  
SATISFIED 6

**contented** ▶ HAPPY 4

**contention**  
*bone of contention* ▶ DISAGREE 6

**contentious** ▶ DISAGREE 6

**contentment** ▶ HAPPY 7; SATISFIED/  
NOT SATISFIED 4

**contents** ▶ IN/INSIDE 1, 7; LIST 3

**contest** ▶ COMPETE WITH 1;  
COMPETITION 1  
*be no contest* ▶ WIN 4

**contestant** ▶ COMPETE WITH 4; PLAY  
A GAME OR SPORT 3; TAKE PART/BE  
INVOLVED 8

**contingent** ▶ GROUP 2

**continual** ▶ CONTINUE 7

**continual/constant** ▶ OFTEN 4

**continually**  
*constantly/continually* ▶ OFTEN 2

**continue** ▶ CONTINUE 1, 2, 8, 9

**continue to be** ▶ CONTINUE 11

**continue/carry on** ▶ CONTINUE 4

**continuous** ▶ CONTINUE 5

**contour** ▶ SHAPE 1

**contraception** ▶ BABY 11

**contract** ▶ AGREE 6; ILLNESS/  
DISEASE 3

**contract killer**  
*hitman/contract killer* ▶ KILL 6

**contradict** ▶ DIFFERENT 12

**contraption** ▶ MACHINE 1

**contrary**  
*on the contrary* ▶ OPPOSITE 3

**contrary to expectations**  
▶ EXPECT 8

**contrast** ▶ COMPARE 1; DIFFERENT 8  
*in contrast/by contrast* ▶ COMPARE 2

**contrast with** ▶ DIFFERENT 1

**contravene** ▶ DISOBEY 2; ILLEGAL 3

**contravention** ▶ ILLEGAL 2

**contribute** ▶ GIVE 14; TAKE PART/BE  
INVOLVED 1

**contribute to** ▶ CAUSE 8

**contribution**  
*make a contribution* ▶ GIVE 14

**contributory** ▶ CAUSE 8

**contrive** ▶ ARRANGE 5

**contrived** ▶ REAL 8

**control** ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 1, 11, 12, 13  
*be beyond sb's control* ▶ CONTROL/  
NOT CONTROL 10  
*be in control* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 1  
*be under sb's control* ▶ CONTROL/  
NOT CONTROL 8  
*bring sth under control* ▶ CONTROL/  
NOT CONTROL 9  
*have sth under control* ▶ DEAL  
WITH 3  
*have total/complete control*  
▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 6  
*keep sth under control* ▶ CONTROL/  
NOT CONTROL 11  
*lose control* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 10, 14  
*out of control* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 10  
*regain control* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 9  
*take control* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 9

**control/have control of** ▶ OWN 1

**controls** ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 7  
*be at the controls* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 12; DRIVE 1

**controversial** ▶ DISAGREE 6

**controversy** ▶ DISAGREE 4

**convalesce** ▶ RECOVER 2

**convenience store** ▶ SHOP/STORE 2

**convenient** ▶ CONVENIENT 1, 2, 3  
*inconvenient/not convenient*  
▶ CONVENIENT 4

**convenient/handy for sth** ▶ NEAR 3

**convention** ▶ MEET 6; RULE/  
REGULATION 2

**conventional** ▶ CONVENTIONAL/  
UNCONVENTIONAL 1; NORMAL/  
ORDINARY 1, 4

**converge** ▶ CROWD 4; JOIN 4

**conversation** ▶ TALK 5  
*be in conversation* ▶ TALK 1  
*fall into conversation/strike up a  
conversation* ▶ TALK 3  
*have a conversation* ▶ TALK 1, 2  
*make conversation/make small talk*  
▶ TALK 1

**converse** ▶ TALK 1

**conversion** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 19



**convert** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 7; PERSUADE 4; RELIGION 7  
**convert to** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 12  
**convey** ▶ EXPRESS 1; TAKE 5  
**convict** ▶ PRISON 6  
*find sb guilty/convict* ▶ GUILTY 5  
**convince** ▶ PERSUADE 4; SURE/NOT SURE 2  
**convinced** ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 1  
**convincing** ▶ BELIEVE 5; PERSUADE 6  
**convivial** ▶ FRIENDLY 4  
**convoluted** ▶ COMPLICATED 1  
**convulsion** ▶ SHAKE 2  
**cook** ▶ COOK 1, 2, 9  
**cook the books** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 10  
**cook up** ▶ LIE 5  
**cookbook** ▶ COOK 7; INSTRUCTIONS 1  
**cooked**  
*underdone/undercooked/not cooked* ▶ COOK 3  
**cookery** ▶ COOK 5, 6  
**cookie**  
*that's the way the cookie crumbles* ▶ ACCEPT 5  
**cooking** ▶ COOK 5, 6, 8  
**cool** ▶ COLD 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 1; UNFRIENDLY 3; WEATHER 8  
*stay cool/keep cool* ▶ CALM 1  
**cool down** ▶ COLD 9  
**cool down/off** ▶ CALM 3  
**cooped up**  
*be cooped up* ▶ ESCAPE 7  
**cooperate** ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 4  
**cooperative** ▶ HELP 7  
**cope** ▶ DEAL WITH 3  
**copy** ▶ CHEAT 3; COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 4; COPY 1, 2, 3, 4, 6  
*backup copy/backup* ▶ COPY 4  
*make a copy* ▶ COPY 1  
**copy down** ▶ COPY 2  
**copy out** ▶ COPY 2  
**cordial** ▶ FRIENDLY 3  
**core** ▶ MAIN 1, 2; MIDDLE 1  
**corner** ▶ CATCH 5  
*around the corner* ▶ NEAR 3  
*be around the corner* ▶ SOON 3  
*be in a tight spot/corner* ▶ PROBLEM 7  
**corner shop** ▶ SHOP/STORE 2  
**cornerstone**  
*the cornerstone* ▶ BASIC 2  
**corollary** ▶ RESULT 3  
**Corp.** ▶ COMPANY 5  
**corporal punishment** ▶ HIT 5  
**corporate** ▶ COMPANY 4  
**corporation** ▶ COMPANY 2  
**corpse** ▶ BODY 4  
**correct** ▶ POLITE 3; RIGHT 1, 3, 5  
*be correct in saying/thinking etc* ▶ RIGHT 2  
**correction** ▶ RIGHT 5  
**correctly** ▶ RIGHT 4  
**correlation** ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 3  
**correspond** ▶ SAME 8; WRITE 4  
**correspondence** ▶ LETTER 1  
**correspondent** ▶ NEWS 6; NEWSPAPERS 3

**corresponding** ▶ SAME 9  
**corroborate** ▶ PROVE 1  
**corrode** ▶ DAMAGE 3; DECAY 1, 3  
**corroded** ▶ DECAY 2  
**corrosion** ▶ DECAY 4  
**corrupt** ▶ BAD 12; COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 7; DISHONEST 1  
**corruption** ▶ DISHONEST 4  
**cosmopolitan** ▶ RACE 2  
**cost** ▶ COST 1, 2, 3; HAVE/NOT HAVE 10  
*at a cost of* ▶ COST 2  
*at a/some cost to* ▶ SUFFER 2  
*at no cost to sb* ▶ FREE 1  
*at no extra cost* ▶ FREE 1  
*at the cost of* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 10  
*count the cost* ▶ SUFFER 2  
*it's going to cost you/it'll cost you* ▶ EXPENSIVE 1  
*know/find out to your cost* ▶ SUFFER 2  
*meet the cost of* ▶ PAY 1  
*not cost much* ▶ CHEAP 1  
*whatever the cost* ▶ DETERMINED 4  
**cost a bomb/the earth** ▶ EXPENSIVE 2  
**cost a fortune** ▶ EXPENSIVE 2  
**cost a lot (of money)** ▶ EXPENSIVE 1  
**cost an arm and a leg** ▶ EXPENSIVE 2  
**cost nothing/not cost anything** ▶ FREE 1  
**cost sb dearly/dear** ▶ SUFFER 2  
**costly** ▶ EXPENSIVE 1  
**costs** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 9  
**costume** ▶ CLOTHES 2  
**cosy** ▶ COMFORTABLE/UNCOMFORTABLE 2  
**cottage** ▶ HOUSE 1  
**cotton on** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 6  
**cotton wool**  
*wrap sb in cotton wool* ▶ PROTECT 5  
**couch potato** ▶ LAZY 2; TELEVISION/RADIO 9  
**cough up** ▶ PAY 1  
**could**  
*may/might/could* ▶ MAYBE 1  
**could do with/could use** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 1  
**could you/would you/can you ... ?** ▶ ASK 10  
**council** ▶ ORGANIZATION 2  
**counselling** ▶ ADVISE 5  
**counsellor** ▶ ADVISE 6; DOCTOR 2  
**count** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 3  
*at the last count* ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 1  
*be able to count sth on (the fingers of) one hand* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 2  
*lose count* ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 8  
**count against** ▶ DISADVANTAGE 3  
**count on** ▶ EXPECT 3  
**count the cost** ▶ SUFFER 2  
**count your chickens**  
*don't count your chickens (before they're hatched)* ▶ EXPECT 3  
**count/count up** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 1  
**count/leave me out** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 11  
**countdown** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 3  
**counter-attack** ▶ ATTACK 4

**counterbalance** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 7  
**counterespionage** ▶ SPY 1  
**counterfeit** ▶ COPY 5  
**counterpart** ▶ SAME 10  
**counterproductive** ▶ FAIL 3  
**countersign** ▶ WRITE 8  
**counting** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 4  
**countless/innumerable** ▶ LOT 3  
**country** ▶ AREA 1; COUNTRY 1, 14  
*developing country/nation* ▶ POOR 7  
*home country* ▶ COUNTRY 7  
*the country* ▶ COUNTRY 4, 13  
**countryside** ▶ COUNTRY 13  
**coup/coup d'état** ▶ REBELLION/REVOLUTION 2  
**couple** ▶ MARRY 10; TWO 2  
*a couple* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 1; TWO 1  
*a couple of* ▶ SOME/SEVERAL 1  
*a couple of times* ▶ TWO 8  
*the happy couple* ▶ MARRY 9  
**courage** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 4  
*find/get up/pluck up the courage to do sth* ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 5  
**courageous** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 1  
**courier** ▶ MESSAGE 2  
**course** ▶ CLASS 3; DIRECTION 1; MEAL 11; SUBJECT 4  
*be on course* ▶ PROBABLY 5  
*change course* ▶ TURN 8  
*crash course* ▶ FAST 8  
*in the course of/during the course of* ▶ DURING 1  
**course of action/course** ▶ DEAL WITH 6  
**course of drugs/treatment/injections** ▶ SERIES 1  
**coursework** ▶ STUDY 4; WORK 2  
**court** ▶ COURT/TRIAL 1; SPORT/GAME 7  
*be up/be had up/end up in court* ▶ ACCUSE 4  
*come/be brought before the court* ▶ COURT/TRIAL 6  
**courteous** ▶ POLITE 1  
**courtesy** ▶ POLITE 4  
**courtroom** ▶ COURT/TRIAL 1  
**Coventry**  
*send sb to Coventry* ▶ IGNORE 2; TALK 17  
**cover** ▶ COVER 2, 4; ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 1; HIDE 1, 4, 10; INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 2; NEWS 4; SIZE 3; TRAVEL 4  
**cover for** ▶ REPLACE 2  
**cover up** ▶ HIDE 8  
**cover your tracks** ▶ HIDE 8  
**cover-up** ▶ HIDE 10  
**cover/cover up** ▶ COVER 1  
**coverage** ▶ NEWS 3  
**covered**  
*be covered in/with/by* ▶ COVER 3  
**covering** ▶ COVER 4  
**covert** ▶ SECRET 1  
**coward** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 6  
**cowardly** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 6  
**coy** ▶ SHY 1  
**crack** ▶ BREAK 1, 2, 9; HIT 4; HOLE 4; SOLVE 5; SOUND 5  
**crack down on** ▶ STOP 20; STRICT/NOT STRICT 4  
**crack of dawn**  
*at the crack of dawn* ▶ EARLY 3



**crack open** ▶ OPEN 4  
**crack sb up** ▶ LAUGH 5  
**crack up** ▶ MENTALLY ILL 3  
**cracked** ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 1  
    *sth is not all it's cracked up to be*  
    ▶ DISAPPOINTED 2  
**cracking**  
    *get cracking* ▶ HURRY 2; START 1  
**crackle** ▶ SOUND 9  
**cradle** ▶ COME FROM 7  
**craftsmanship** ▶ GOOD AT 7  
**crafty** ▶ INTELLIGENT 6, 8  
**cram** ▶ STUDY 2  
**cram/jam** ▶ FULL 3  
**crammed/jammed** ▶ FULL 1  
**cramped** ▶ COMFORTABLE/  
    UNCOMFORTABLE 6; SMALL 5;  
    SPACE 4  
**crank** ▶ STRANGE 3  
**crap** ▶ BAD 1  
**crash** ▶ ACCIDENT 2, 3; BROKEN/NOT  
    BROKEN 4; COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
    EMAIL 7; FAIL 9; SLEEP 8; SOUND 5  
**crash course** ▶ FAST 8  
**crash into** ▶ HIT 4  
**crash out/flake out** ▶ SLEEP 3  
**crash/smash into** ▶ HIT 3  
**crater** ▶ HOLE 2  
**crave** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 2  
**craving** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 6  
**crawl** ▶ SLOW 6  
**crawling**  
    *be swarming/crawling with* ▶ FULL 5  
**craze/fad** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
    FASHIONABLE 6  
**crazy** ▶ CRAZY 1, 2; STUPID/SILLY 2  
    *be crazy about* ▶ LIKE 2; LOVE 1  
    *drive sb crazy/nuts/mad/insane*  
    ▶ CRAZY 5  
    *go crazy* ▶ ANGRY 6; CRAZY 3, 4  
**creak** ▶ SOUND 4  
**cream**  
    *the cream of* ▶ BEST 2  
**creamy** ▶ LIQUID 4  
**crease** ▶ FOLD 3, 4; LINE 4, 5  
**creased** ▶ FOLD 4  
**create** ▶ CAUSE 1; INVENT 1;  
    MAKE 1, 3  
**creation** ▶ INVENT 3  
    *the creation of sth* ▶ MAKE 7  
**creative** ▶ ART/CULTURE 5; IDEA 5  
**creator** ▶ INVENT 2  
**credible** ▶ BELIEVE 5  
**credit**  
    *be in credit* ▶ OWE 8  
    *get/buy sth on credit* ▶ PAY 8  
**creditor** ▶ LEND 3; OWE 7  
**creed** ▶ RELIGION 1  
**creep** ▶ FRIENDLY 6; HORRIBLE 1;  
    SLOW 6; WALK 8  
**creeps**  
    *give sb the creeps* ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
    FRIGHTENING 4  
**creepy** ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
    FRIGHTENING 5  
**crescent** ▶ ROAD/PATH 1  
**crest** ▶ TOP 1  
**crestfallen** ▶ DISAPPOINTED 1  
**crew** ▶ GROUP 4  
**crime** ▶ CRIME 1, 2  
    *be a crime* ▶ ILLEGAL 1  
    *be a crime/be a sin* ▶ BAD 13  
    *hate crime* ▶ PREJUDICED 2

*organized crime* ▶ CRIME 4  
    *turn to crime* ▶ CRIME 5  
**criminal** ▶ BAD 13; CRIME 2, 3;  
    ILLEGAL 1  
    *have a criminal record* ▶ CRIME 5  
**cripple** ▶ HURT/INJURE 4  
**crisis** ▶ SERIOUS 2  
**crisp** ▶ BREAK 10; COLD 3; HARD 2  
**criterion** ▶ JUDGE 7  
**critic** ▶ CRITICIZE 7; JUDGE 5  
    *be a critic of sb/sth* ▶ CRITICIZE 1  
**critical** ▶ CRITICIZE 6; IMPORTANT 1;  
    SERIOUS 1  
    *be critical* ▶ CRITICIZE 1  
**criticism** ▶ CRITICIZE 5  
    *be open to criticism* ▶ CRITICIZE 3  
    *come in for criticism* ▶ CRITICIZE 3  
**criticize** ▶ CRITICIZE 1  
**critique** ▶ JUDGE 1  
**cronies** ▶ FRIEND 3  
**crook** ▶ DISHONEST 1; TRICK/  
    DECEIVE 5  
**crooked** ▶ BEND 6; DISHONEST 1  
**croon** ▶ SING 1  
**crop** ▶ GROW 5  
**crop up** ▶ HAPPEN 1  
**cross** ▶ ACROSS 1; ANGRY 1;  
    TRAVEL 1  
    *a cross between sth and sth* ▶ MIX 6  
**cross my heart** ▶ PROMISE 3  
**cross out** ▶ REMOVE 5  
**cross sb's mind** ▶ THINK 7  
**cross the border** ▶ ENTER 5  
**cross-examine** ▶ ASK 4  
**cross-legged**  
    *sit cross-legged* ▶ SIT 3  
**cross-purposes**  
    *be at cross-purposes* ▶ UNDERSTAND/  
    NOT UNDERSTAND 9  
**crossfire**  
    *be caught in the crossfire* ▶ SHOOT 3  
**crossing** ▶ ACROSS 1; TRAVEL 9  
**crotchety** ▶ ANGRY 13  
**crouch** ▶ BEND 2  
**crow** ▶ BOAST 1  
    *as the crow flies* ▶ STRAIGHT 2  
**crowd** ▶ CROWD 1, 3; FRIEND 3;  
    GROUP 1  
    *bunch/crowd* ▶ GROUP 2  
    *follow the crowd/go (along) with the*  
    *crowd* ▶ COPY 8  
**crowd around** ▶ AROUND/ROUND 3  
**crowd in** ▶ ENTER 7  
**crowded** ▶ CROWD 2  
**crucial** ▶ IMPORTANT 2  
**crude** ▶ SEX 19; SIMPLE 2  
**cruel** ▶ CRUEL 1, 2; UNKIND 1  
    *be cruel to* ▶ CRUEL 5  
**cruelty** ▶ CRUEL 4  
**cruise** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6  
**crumb** ▶ PIECE 5  
**crumble** ▶ BREAK 5, 6; WEAK 5  
**crumbling** ▶ CONDITION 3  
**crumple/crumple up** ▶ SQUASH 1  
**crumpled** ▶ FOLD 4  
**crunch** ▶ EAT 5  
**crunchy** ▶ HARD 2  
**crusade** ▶ FIGHT 9  
**crush** ▶ SQUASH 1; STOP 21  
    *have a crush on* ▶ LOVE 1  
    *the crush* ▶ CROWD 1

**crush/slaughter/massacre/**  
    **annihilate** ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 2  
**crushed** ▶ SQUASH 2  
**crux** ▶ MAIN 2  
**cry** ▶ CRY 1; SHOUT 1, 2  
    *a shoulder to cry on* ▶ KIND 2;  
    SYMPATHIZE 5  
    *don't cry* ▶ CRY 5  
    *make sb cry* ▶ CRY 4  
    *start crying/start to cry* ▶ CRY 2  
**cry out** ▶ SHOUT 1  
**crying out for**  
    *be crying out for* ▶ NEED/  
    NECESSARY 2  
**cube** ▶ PIECE 2  
**cuddle** ▶ HOLD 6  
**cue**  
    *on cue* ▶ ON TIME 1  
**cuisine** ▶ COOK 6  
**cul-de-sac/dead end/dead end**  
    **street** ▶ ROAD/PATH 1  
**culinary** ▶ COOK 8  
**cull** ▶ KILL 11  
**culpable** ▶ GUILTY 1  
**culprit** ▶ GUILTY 2  
**cult** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
    FASHIONABLE 1; RELIGION 2  
**cultivate** ▶ GROW 3  
**cultural** ▶ ART/CULTURE 3  
**culture** ▶ ART/CULTURE 1;  
    TRADITION 2  
**culture vulture** ▶ ART/CULTURE 6  
**cultured** ▶ ART/CULTURE 6  
**cumbersome** ▶ BIG 1  
**cunning** ▶ INTELLIGENT 6, 8  
**cup** ▶ WIN 9  
**cupboard**  
    *skeleton in your cupboard*  
    ▶ SECRET 2  
**curb** ▶ STOP 20  
**cure** ▶ CURE 1, 2; SOLVE 1, 2  
    *miracle drug/cure* ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT  
    EFFECTIVE 2  
**cured**  
    *be cured* ▶ RECOVER 3  
**curiosity** ▶ FIND OUT 10  
**curious** ▶ FIND OUT 10;  
    INTERESTED 1; STRANGE 1  
**curl** ▶ BEND 3  
**curl up** ▶ BEND 2  
**currency** ▶ MONEY 3  
**current** ▶ NOW 4; USE 9; WATER 3  
**currently** ▶ NOW 1  
**curriculum** ▶ SUBJECT 4  
**curt** ▶ RUDE 3  
**curtains**  
    *draw the curtains/close the curtains*  
    ▶ SHUT 1  
**curve** ▶ BEND 7, 8; TURN 9  
**curved** ▶ BEND 6; ROUND 4  
**cushy** ▶ EASY 3  
**cuss** ▶ RUDE 7  
**custody** ▶ LOOK AFTER 2  
    *be in custody* ▶ KEEP 11; PRISON 5  
    *hold/keep sb in custody* ▶ KEEP 9  
    *take sb into custody* ▶ CATCH 2  
**custom** ▶ TRADITION 1  
**customary** ▶ TRADITION 1;  
    USUALLY 3  
**customer** ▶ BUY 5  
**customize** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
    CHANGE 7



**cut** ▶ CUT 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8; GO 3; LESS 5;  
REDUCE 1, 7; REMOVE 5; SHARE 5;  
SHORT 3  
*get cut off/get disconnected*  
▶ TELEPHONE 7  
*reduce/cut* ▶ CHEAP 6  
*to cut a long story short*  
▶ SUMMARIZE 3

**cut above**  
*a cut above* ▶ BETTER 1

**cut across** ▶ ACROSS 1

**cut and dried** ▶ CERTAINLY/  
DEFINITELY 2

**cut and paste** ▶ COMPUTERS/  
INTERNET/EMAIL 4

**cut back** ▶ REDUCE 4

**cut down** ▶ REDUCE 3; SHORT 3;  
SPEND MONEY/TIME 4

**cut down/chop down** ▶ CUT 6

**cut in** ▶ INTERRUPT 1  
*push in/cut in* ▶ WAIT 5

**cut it**  
*not cut it* ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 4

**cut it fine** ▶ ON TIME 3

**cut it out** ▶ STOP 2

**cut off** ▶ CUT 7; REMOVE 2

**cut off your nose to spite your face**  
▶ HARM 2

**cut off/down**  
*be cut off/down in your prime* ▶ DIE 3

**cut out** ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 4;  
REMOVE 1; STOP 6  
*have your work cut out for you*  
▶ DIFFICULT 10

**cut out for**  
*be cut out for* ▶ SUITABLE 1  
*not be cut out for* ▶ UNSUITABLE 2

**cut sb dead** ▶ IGNORE 2

**cut sb off from** ▶ SEPARATE 6

**cut sb off/cut sb short**  
▶ INTERRUPT 1

**cut short** ▶ STOP 16

**cut through** ▶ ACROSS 1

**cut your own throat** ▶ HARM 2

**cut yourself off** ▶ SEPARATE 8

**cut-off point** ▶ LIMIT 1

**cut-price** ▶ CHEAP 7

**cute** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1, 2, 3, 4

**cuts both ways**  
*it's swings and roundabouts/it cuts  
both ways* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 7

**cutting** ▶ UNKIND 2

**cyber-** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
EMAIL 8

**cycle** ▶ DRIVE 2  
*life cycle* ▶ LIFE 1

**cyclist** ▶ DRIVE 4

**cylindrical** ▶ ROUND 5

**cynical** ▶ BELIEVE 3

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**D.A.**  
*District Attorney/D.A.* ▶ ACCUSE 5

**dab** ▶ LITTLE 1

**dabble in** ▶ DO/NOT DO 1

**dad** ▶ FATHER 1

**daddy** ▶ FATHER 1

**daft** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 1

**daily**  
*hourly/daily/weekly/monthly etc*  
▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 1

**dainty** ▶ SMALL 1

**daisies**  
*be pushing up daisies* ▶ DEAD 1

**damage** ▶ DAMAGE 1, 5; HARM 1;  
HURT/INJURE 2, 5  
*do/cause damage* ▶ DAMAGE 1  
*harm/damage sb's reputation*  
▶ REPUTATION 3  
*shake/damage (sb's) confidence*  
▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 6  
*what's the damage* ▶ COST 2

**damage sb's reputation** ▶ SPOIL 5

**damages** ▶ PAY 9

**damaging** ▶ HARM 3; HEALTHY/  
UNHEALTHY 8; SPOIL 5

**damn**  
*not give a damn* ▶ DON'T CARE 1

**damp** ▶ WET 2, 3

**dampen** ▶ WET 5

**damper**  
*put a damper on* ▶ SPOIL 4

**dance** ▶ DANCE 1, 2, 4

**dancer** ▶ DANCE 3

**dancing** ▶ DANCE 1

**danger** ▶ DANGEROUS 6; RISK 1  
*be a danger to sb/sth*  
▶ DANGEROUS 2  
*be in danger* ▶ DANGEROUS 3;  
RISK 6, 7  
*be out of danger* ▶ SAFE 1

**dangerous** ▶ DANGEROUS 1; RISK 2  
*be on dangerous ground/in dangerous  
territory* ▶ RISK 6

**dangle** ▶ DOWN 7

**dank** ▶ WET 3

**dapper** ▶ WELL-DRESSED 1

**dare** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 5  
*not dare* ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 7

**daredevil** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 2

**daring** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 2, 3

**dark** ▶ COLOUR 5; DARK 1  
*a shot in the dark* ▶ GUESS 6  
*be in the dark* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 16  
*glow in the dark* ▶ SHINE/SHINY 3  
*it gets dark* ▶ DARK 2  
*pitch dark/pitch black* ▶ DARK 1  
*the dark* ▶ DARK 3  
*the dark ages* ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 7

**darken** ▶ DARK 2

**darkened** ▶ DARK 1

**darkness** ▶ DARK 3  
*be plunged into darkness* ▶ DARK 2

**darling**  
*the darling of* ▶ FAVOURITE 2

**dart** ▶ FAST 4

**dash** ▶ HURRY 1; LITTLE 3; RUN 1  
*I must dash/fly* ▶ LEAVE 2  
*make a run/dash/break for* ▶ RUN 1  
*rush/dash* ▶ FAST 4

**dash (sb's) hopes**  
▶ DISAPPOINTED 3

**dash off** ▶ WRITE 2

**dash sb's hopes** ▶ HOPE 8

**dashing** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 2

**data** ▶ INFORMATION 1

**database** ▶ INFORMATION 2

**date** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
FASHIONABLE 8; RELATIONSHIP 4;  
TIME 4  
*out of date* ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 4;  
USE 15  
*set a date* ▶ MARRY 4  
*set a time/date/place* ▶ ARRANGE 3

**dated** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 1

**daughter** ▶ CHILD 2

**daunting** ▶ DIFFICULT 2

**dawdle** ▶ SLOW 3

**dawn**  
*at the crack of dawn* ▶ EARLY 3  
*the dawn of* ▶ BEGINNING 4

**dawn on** ▶ REALIZE 1

**day**  
*any day/any day now* ▶ SOON 2  
*at the end of the day* ▶ BASIC 4  
*by day/by night* ▶ DURING 1  
*call it a day* ▶ STOP 7  
*carry the day* ▶ WIN 2  
*go out for the day* ▶ TRAVEL 10  
*it's one of those days/it's not my day*  
▶ UNLUCKY 1  
*live from day to day* ▶ PLAN 11  
*make sb's day* ▶ HAPPY 5  
*one day at a time* ▶ PLAN 11  
*one day* ▶ FINALLY 1; ONCE 1  
*one day/some day* ▶ FUTURE 2  
*the day will come (when)* ▶ FUTURE 2  
*the other day* ▶ RECENTLY 1

**day after day/week after week etc**  
▶ CONTINUE 5

**day and age**  
*in this day and age* ▶ NOW 2

**day and night/night and day**  
▶ CONTINUE 6

**day in, day out** ▶ ALWAYS 2;  
CONTINUE 5

**day off/afternoon off etc**  
▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 1

**day one**  
*since/from day one* ▶ BEGINNING 5

**day trip** ▶ TRAVEL 10

**Day-Glo** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 3

**day-to-day** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 1

**daydream** ▶ ATTENTION 4;  
DREAM 1, 2; IMAGINE 2, 4

**daylight** ▶ LIGHT 1  
*be daylight robbery* ▶ EXPENSIVE 4  
*in broad daylight* ▶ SEE 3

**days** ▶ LIFE 1  
*has seen better days* ▶ CONDITION 4  
*in the olden days* ▶ PAST 3  
*in those days/in the old days*  
▶ PAST 3; THEN 2  
*it's early days* ▶ EARLY 2  
*it's one of those days/it's not my day*  
▶ UNLUCKY 1  
*nowadays/these days* ▶ NOW 2  
*one of these days* ▶ FUTURE 2

**dazed** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 2;  
UNCONSCIOUS 1

**dazzle** ▶ IMPRESS 2; SEE 10

**dazzling** ▶ BRIGHT 2; IMPRESS 4

**dead** ▶ BORING/BORED 2; DEAD 1  
*be born dead* ▶ BABY 10  
*cut sb dead* ▶ IGNORE 2  
*drop dead* ▶ DIE 1  
*stone-dead/dead as a doornail*  
▶ DEAD 1  
*the dead* ▶ DEAD 1

**dead cert**  
*sb/sth is a dead cert* ▶ CERTAINLY/  
DEFINITELY 4

**dead end** ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE  
PROGRESS 5

**dead in the water**  
*be dead in the water* ▶ EFFECTIVE/  
NOT EFFECTIVE 4; FAIL 2



- dead on**  
*bang/dead on* ▶ TIME 2; EXACT/NOT EXACT 1
- dead on time**  
*bang/dead on time* ▶ ON TIME 1
- dead on your feet**  
*be dead on your feet/be ready to drop*  
 ▶ TIRED/TIRING 1
- dead to the world**  
*be dead to the world* ▶ SLEEP 5
- deadend/dull** ▶ REDUCE 2
- deadline**  
*meet a deadline* ▶ ON TIME 4
- deadlock** ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 5
- deadlock/stalemate** ▶ DISAGREE 4
- deadly** ▶ KILL 10
- deadpan** ▶ EXPRESSION ON SB'S FACE 3; SERIOUS 8
- deaf** ▶ HEAR 6
- deaf ears**  
*fall on deaf ears* ▶ IGNORE 1
- deafening** ▶ LOUD 2
- deal** ▶ BUSINESS 5  
*a good deal* ▶ CHEAP 3  
*a good/great deal* ▶ LOT 1, 10, 14  
*close a deal* ▶ AGREE 4  
*it's no big deal / it's not a big deal*  
 ▶ UNIMPORTANT 2  
*make a deal* ▶ AGREE 3
- deal in** ▶ BUSINESS 4; SELL 1, 2
- deal with** ▶ BEHAVE 6; BUSINESS 4; DEAL WITH 1
- deal with/be concerned with**  
 ▶ ABOUT 2
- dealer** ▶ SELL 5  
*drug dealer/dealer* ▶ DRUG 7  
*pusher/dealer* ▶ SELL 6
- dealings** ▶ BUSINESS 1
- dear** ▶ EXPENSIVE 1  
*cost sb dearly/dear* ▶ SUFFER 2
- Dear Jim/Sarah etc** ▶ LETTER 2
- dearly**  
*cost sb dearly/dear* ▶ SUFFER 2
- death** ▶ DIE 6  
*be a matter of life and death/be a matter of life or death* ▶ SERIOUS 1  
*be close to death/near (to) death*  
 ▶ DIE 5  
*beat/kick/stab etc sb to death* ▶ KILL 1  
*cause death* ▶ KILL 9  
*dice with death* ▶ DANGEROUS 4  
*flog sth to death* ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 3  
*look like death warmed up* ▶ ILL/ SICK 1  
*put sb to death* ▶ KILL 7  
*to death* ▶ DIE 2  
*untimely death* ▶ DIE 3
- death penalty**  
*the death penalty* ▶ KILL 7
- death row**  
*be on death row* ▶ KILL 7
- death sentence** ▶ KILL 7
- death trap** ▶ DANGEROUS 2
- death's door**  
*be at death's door* ▶ DIE 5
- deathbed**  
*on your deathbed* ▶ DIE 5
- debatable** ▶ UNCERTAIN 4
- debate** ▶ DISCUSS 1, 2, 5  
*open to question/debate*  
 ▶ UNCERTAIN 4
- debilitating** ▶ WEAK 4
- debt** ▶ OWE 4  
*be deep/heavily in debt* ▶ OWE 2  
*be in debt* ▶ OWE 1  
*be up to your neck/ears in debt*  
 ▶ OWE 2  
*get into debt* ▶ OWE 3  
*run up a debt* ▶ OWE 3
- debtor** ▶ OWE 6
- debunk** ▶ PROVE 2
- debut** ▶ FIRST 4
- decadent** ▶ BAD 9
- decay** ▶ DECAY 1, 4
- decayed** ▶ DECAY 2
- deceased**  
*the deceased* ▶ DEAD 1
- deceit** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 6
- deceitful** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 7
- deceive** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 1
- deceived**  
*be tricked/deceived* ▶ TRICK/ DECEIVE 2
- decency** ▶ GOOD 11
- decent** ▶ GOOD 8, 9; GOOD ENOUGH 1
- deception** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 3, 6
- deceptive** ▶ SEEM 4
- deceptively** ▶ SEEM 4
- decide** ▶ DECIDE 1, 2  
*be for sb to decide* ▶ DECIDE 4  
*can't decide/can't make up your mind*  
 ▶ DECIDE 7
- decide on** ▶ CHOOSE 2
- decided**  
*be decided by* ▶ DEPEND/IT DEPENDS 1
- decidedly** ▶ VERY 1
- decimate** ▶ KILL 9
- decision** ▶ DECIDE 3  
*arrive at/come to/reach a decision*  
 ▶ DECIDE 1  
*make a decision* ▶ DECIDE 1
- decisive** ▶ DECIDE 5
- decked**  
*be decked out* ▶ DECORATE 2
- declaration** ▶ SAY 11
- declare** ▶ SAY 2
- declare war** ▶ WAR 3
- decline** ▶ LESS 5; REFUSE 1; REJECT 1  
*go down/decline* ▶ WORSE 2
- decompose** ▶ DECAY 1
- decomposed** ▶ DECAY 2
- decor** ▶ DECORATE 2
- decorate** ▶ DECORATE 1; PAINT 3
- decorated** ▶ DECORATE 2
- decoration** ▶ DECORATE 3
- decorations** ▶ DECORATE 3
- decorative** ▶ DECORATE 3
- decorator** ▶ DECORATE 5; PAINT 4  
*interior designer/decorator*  
 ▶ DECORATE 5
- decoy** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 3
- decrease** ▶ LESS 5; REDUCE 1, 7
- decree** ▶ TELL 18, 22
- decriminalize** ▶ LEGAL 3
- dedicated** ▶ WORK HARD 4
- deduce** ▶ DECIDE 2
- deduct** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 5
- deed** ▶ DO/NOT DO 7
- deejay**  
*DJ/deejay* ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 8
- deep** ▶ COLOUR 5; DEEP/NOT DEEP 1, 2; LOW 2; STRONG 6; VOICE 4  
*40 metres/100 feet etc deep* ▶ DEEP/ NOT DEEP 3  
*be deep/heavily in debt* ▶ OWE 2  
*be lost/deep in thought* ▶ THINK 5  
*be thrown in at the deep end*  
 ▶ DIFFICULT 10  
*how deep* ▶ DEEP/NOT DEEP 3  
*not very deep* ▶ DEEP/NOT DEEP 4
- deep down** ▶ CHARACTER 3; REAL 4
- deepen** ▶ INCREASE 13; WORSE 2
- deepest**  
*you have my deepest sympathy/with deepest sympathy* ▶ SYMPATHIZE 4
- deeply** ▶ DEEP/NOT DEEP 2; VERY 1
- deface** ▶ DAMAGE 2
- default** ▶ OWE 3
- defeat** ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 1, 3, 5; LOSE 3  
*admit/accept defeat* ▶ LOSE 4
- defeated** ▶ LOSE 6  
*be defeated* ▶ LOSE 3
- defect** ▶ FAULT 1
- defence** ▶ DEFEND 2, 3  
*come to sb's defence* ▶ DEFEND 1, 3  
*in defence of sth* ▶ DEFEND 1, 3  
*in sb's defence* ▶ DEFEND 3  
*the defence* ▶ COURT/TRIAL 3
- defenceless** ▶ WEAK 3; WEAPON 3
- defences** ▶ DEFEND 2
- defend** ▶ DEFEND 1, 3
- defendant** ▶ ACCUSE 4; COURT/ TRIAL 3
- defender/guardian** ▶ PROTECT 3
- defensive** ▶ DEFEND 2
- defiant** ▶ DISOBEY 3
- deficiency** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 8
- deficient** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 7
- define** ▶ MEANING 1
- definite** ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 3  
*distinct/definite* ▶ OBVIOUS 1
- definitely** ▶ YES 1  
*certainly/definitely* ▶ CERTAINLY/ DEFINITELY 1, 2
- definition** ▶ MEANING 1
- definitive** ▶ BEST 1
- deflate** ▶ AIR 5
- deforestation** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 5
- deformed** ▶ SHAPE 3
- defraud** ▶ CHEAT 1
- defy** ▶ DISOBEY 1
- degenerate** ▶ BAD 9; WORSE 2
- degrading** ▶ ASHAMED 3
- degree** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 7  
*master's degree/master's* ▶ SCHOOL/ UNIVERSITY 7  
*to a degree/to some degree* ▶ PARTLY 1  
*to a greater extent/degree* ▶ MORE 6
- degrees**  
*by degrees* ▶ SLOW 2
- dehydrated** ▶ THIRSTY 1
- dejected** ▶ SAD 1
- delay** ▶ DELAY 2, 4; LATER 2  
*without delay* ▶ IMMEDIATELY 1
- delayed**  
*be delayed* ▶ DELAY 1
- delaying tactics** ▶ DELAY 3
- delegate** ▶ REPRESENT 2; RESPONSIBLE 4
- delegation** ▶ REPRESENT 3
- delete** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/ EMAIL 4; REMOVE 5



**deliberate** ▶ DELIBERATELY 2  
**deliberately** ▶ DELIBERATELY 1  
**delicacy** ▶ FOOD 2  
**delicate** ▶ BREAK 10; DIFFICULT 5; ILL/SICK 3; SMELL 4; TASTE 8  
**delicatessen** ▶ SHOP/STORE 2  
**delicious** ▶ DELICIOUS 1  
**delight** ▶ HAPPY 7  
*be a delight* ▶ ENJOY 3  
**delight in** ▶ ENJOY 2  
**delighted** ▶ HAPPY 3  
**delightful** ▶ NICE 2  
**delinquency** ▶ CRIME 2  
**delinquent** ▶ CRIME 3  
**deliver** ▶ BABY 6; PROMISE 4; TAKE 1  
**deliver the goods/come up with the goods** ▶ DO/NOT DO 2  
**delivery** ▶ BABY 5  
**delude**  
*kid/delude yourself* ▶ WRONG 3  
**deluge** ▶ WATER 2  
**deluge/avalanche of** ▶ LOT 6  
**delusion** ▶ BELIEVE 9  
**deluxe** ▶ GOOD 2  
**demand** ▶ ASK 11, 17; INSIST 1; TELL 17  
*be in demand* ▶ POPULAR 1  
*meet demand* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 7  
*there is no demand/call for* ▶ POPULAR 5  
**demanding** ▶ DIFFICULT 2  
**demeanour** ▶ BEHAVE 5  
**democracy** ▶ GOVERNMENT 5  
**democratic** ▶ GOVERNMENT 5  
**demolish** ▶ DESTROY 2; EAT 6; PROVE 2  
**demolition** ▶ DESTROY 6  
**demonstrate** ▶ EXPLAIN 1; PROTEST 1; PROVE 1; SHOW 8, 13  
**demonstration** ▶ PROTEST 2  
**demonstrative** ▶ SHOW 15  
**demonstrator** ▶ PROTEST 3  
*peace protester/demonstrator* ▶ PEACE 4  
**demoralized** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 5  
**demoralizing** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 6  
**demystify** ▶ EXPLAIN 3  
**denote** ▶ MEANING 3  
**denounce** ▶ DISAPPROVE 2  
**dent** ▶ HOLE 3, 7  
**dentist** ▶ DOCTOR 3  
**deny** ▶ REFUSE 3; SAY 3  
**deny yourself** ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 8  
**depart** ▶ LEAVE 4  
**department** ▶ GOVERNMENT 6; PART 4  
**department store** ▶ SHOP/STORE 3  
**departure**  
*be a departure from* ▶ DIFFERENT 1  
**depend** ▶ DEPEND/IT DEPENDS 1  
**depend on**  
*can depend/rely on sb* ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 2  
*can rely/depend on sth* ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 5  
**depend on/rely on** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 2  
**dependence** ▶ ADDICTED 4  
**dependent** ▶ ADDICTED 1

**dependent on**  
*be dependent on* ▶ DEPEND/IT DEPENDS 1  
*be dependent on/be reliant on* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 2  
**depending on sth** ▶ DEPEND/IT DEPENDS 1  
**depict** ▶ DESCRIBE 2  
**deplete** ▶ REDUCE 6  
**deplorable** ▶ BAD 13  
**deplore** ▶ DISAPPROVE 2  
**deport** ▶ LEAVE 18  
**deposed**  
*be deposed* ▶ GET RID OF 2  
**deposit** ▶ PUT 1, 13  
*put/make/pay a deposit on* ▶ PAY 7  
**deposit/down payment** ▶ PAY 12  
**depraved** ▶ BAD 5  
**depreciate** ▶ VALUE 6  
**depress** ▶ SAD 5  
**depressed** ▶ SAD 2  
**depressing** ▶ SAD 4  
**depression** ▶ FAIL 9; HOLE 3; MENTALLY ILL 2; SAD 8  
**deprive sb** ▶ TAKE 9  
**deprived** ▶ POOR 3  
**depth** ▶ DEEP/NOT DEEP 3  
*be out of your depth* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 10  
**depths**  
*the depths* ▶ DEEP/NOT DEEP 1  
**deputation** ▶ REPRESENT 3  
**deputize** ▶ REPLACE 2  
**deputy** ▶ MANAGER 3  
**derelict** ▶ CONDITION 3  
**derisory** ▶ LITTLE 5  
**derivative** ▶ COPY 3  
**derive from/be derived from** ▶ COME FROM 6  
**derogatory** ▶ DISAPPROVE 4  
**descend** ▶ DOWN 2  
**descend on/upon** ▶ VISIT 1  
**descendant** ▶ FAMILY 6  
**descended**  
*be descended from* ▶ COME FROM 3; FAMILY 4  
**describe** ▶ DESCRIBE 1  
*be difficult/hard to describe* ▶ EXPRESS 4  
**describe sb/sth as** ▶ CALL/DESCRIBE AS 1  
**describe sth/sb as** ▶ DESCRIBE 2  
**description** ▶ DESCRIBE 3  
*give a description of* ▶ DESCRIBE 1  
**descriptive** ▶ DESCRIBE 3  
**desecrate** ▶ DAMAGE 2  
**desert** ▶ LEAVE 26, 27  
**deserted** ▶ EMPTY 3  
**deserts**  
*get your just deserts* ▶ DESERVE 2  
**deserve** ▶ DESERVE 2, 3  
*get what you deserve* ▶ DESERVE 2  
**deserve/be owed** ▶ DESERVE 1  
**deserve/merit** ▶ DESERVE 4  
**design** ▶ DESIGN 1, 2; PATTERN 1  
**designate** ▶ PURPOSE 4  
**designed**  
*be designed to do sth* ▶ PURPOSE 3  
**designer** ▶ DESIGN 3  
*interior designer/decorator* ▶ DECORATE 5  
*software developer/engineer/designer* ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 3

**desirable** ▶ SEXY 1  
**desire** ▶ SEX 9; WANT/NOT WANT 6  
*have no desire to do sth* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 9  
**desired effect**  
*have/achieve the desired effect* ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 1  
**desolate** ▶ EMPTY 3  
**despair** ▶ HOPE 8, 10; SAD 8  
*drive sb to despair* ▶ SAD 5  
**despatch**  
*dispatch/despatch* ▶ MESSAGE 1; SEND 1, 3  
**desperate** ▶ HOPE 9; SERIOUS 1  
*be desperate* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 2  
*be desperate for* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 2  
**despise** ▶ HATE 1  
**despite**  
*in spite of/despite* ▶ ALTHOUGH 2  
**despondency** ▶ SAD 8  
**dessert** ▶ MEAL 11  
**destination** ▶ TRAVEL 13  
*tourist destination* ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6  
**destined**  
*be destined to* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 4  
**destiny** ▶ FUTURE 4  
**destitute** ▶ POOR 1  
**destroy** ▶ DESTROY 1, 4; KILL 9, 11; SPOIL 3  
**destruction** ▶ DESTROY 6  
**destructive** ▶ DESTROY 5  
**detach** ▶ REMOVE 2  
**detach/distance yourself from** ▶ SEPARATE 8  
**detached** ▶ FEEL 13  
**detail** ▶ DETAIL 1  
*go into detail/details* ▶ DETAIL 4  
*go into more/greater detail* ▶ DETAIL 7  
*in detail* ▶ DETAIL 4  
*not go into detail* ▶ DETAIL 5  
**detailed** ▶ DETAIL 4  
**details** ▶ INFORMATION 1  
*give (sb) more details* ▶ DETAIL 7  
**detain** ▶ DELAY 1; KEEP 9  
**detained**  
*be detained* ▶ PRISON 5  
**detainee** ▶ PRISON 7  
**detect** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 1  
**detective** ▶ FIND OUT 11  
*private investigator/private detective* ▶ FIND OUT 11  
**detention** ▶ KEEP 11; PRISON 8  
**detention centre** ▶ PRISON 1  
**deter** ▶ PERSUADE 11  
**deteriorate** ▶ WORSE 2, 5  
**determination** ▶ DETERMINED 5  
**determine** ▶ FIND OUT 4  
**determined** ▶ DETERMINED 1, 2, 6  
*be determined by* ▶ DEPEND/IT DEPENDS 1  
**deterrent** ▶ PERSUADE 12  
**detest** ▶ HATE 1, 2  
**detonate** ▶ EXPLODE 2  
**detour**  
*make a detour* ▶ AVOID 3  
**detract from** ▶ SPOIL 1  
**detrimental**  
*be detrimental to* ▶ HARM 1  
**devalue** ▶ IMPORTANT 9



**devastate** ▶ DESTROY 1  
**devastated** ▶ SAD 3  
**devastated/shattered** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 1  
**devastating** ▶ DESTROY 5  
**devastating/shattering** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 4  
**devastation** ▶ DESTROY 6  
**develop** ▶ DEVELOP 1, 4; GROW 1; ILLNESS/DISEASE 3  
**develop from/evolve from** ▶ COME FROM 6  
**develop into** ▶ BECOME 2  
**develop/acquire/get a taste for** ▶ LIKE 4  
**developed** ▶ ADVANCED 2  
**developing** ▶ DEVELOP 2  
**developing country/nation** ▶ POOR 7  
**development** ▶ BUILD/BUILDING 4; DEVELOP 3; HOUSE 3  
**developments** ▶ NEWS 1  
**deviant** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 7  
**device** ▶ EXPLODE 6; MACHINE 1; TOOL 1; WAY 5  
**devil**  
*talk of the devil* ▶ ARRIVE 5  
**devious** ▶ DISHONEST 2  
**devise** ▶ INVENT 1  
**devote** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 11  
**devoted** ▶ LOVE 5; LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 1  
*be devoted to* ▶ LOVE 3  
**devotee** ▶ LIKE 5  
**devotion** ▶ LOVE 4; LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 2  
**devour** ▶ EAT 6  
**devout** ▶ RELIGION 5  
**diagnose** ▶ FIND OUT 4  
**dialect** ▶ LANGUAGE 1  
**diametrically opposed** ▶ OPPOSITE 3  
**diary** ▶ BOOKS 4  
**dice** ▶ CUT 2  
**dice with death** ▶ DANGEROUS 4  
**dicey** ▶ RISK 2  
**Dickensian** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 7  
**dictate** ▶ TELL 17  
**dictated**  
*be dictated by* ▶ DEPEND/IT DEPENDS 1  
**dictatorial** ▶ TELL 24  
**dictatorship** ▶ GOVERNMENT 4  
**die** ▶ DIE 1  
*I'd rather die* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 9  
**die away** ▶ DISAPPEAR 3  
**die down** ▶ BURN 5; QUIET 5  
**die for** ▶ DIE 4  
**die out** ▶ DISAPPEAR 4; EXIST 3  
**die young** ▶ DIE 3  
**die/be killed** ▶ DIE 2  
**died**  
*I could have died/I almost died* ▶ EMBARRASSED/EMBARRASSING 1  
*I nearly/almost died* ▶ LAUGH 4  
**diehard** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 29; EXTREME 2  
**diet** ▶ EAT 8; FOOD 1  
*be on a diet* ▶ THIN 7  
**differ** ▶ DIFFERENT 1; DISAGREE 1

**difference** ▶ DIFFERENT 7, 8  
*can tell the difference* ▶ DIFFERENT 10  
*can't tell the difference/can't tell them apart* ▶ SAME 2  
*it makes no difference to me/it doesn't bother me/it's all the same to me* ▶ DON'T CARE 2  
*it makes no difference/it doesn't make any difference* ▶ UNIMPORTANT 2  
*make a difference* ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 1; EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 1  
*there's a world of difference between* ▶ DIFFERENT 2  
**difference of opinion** ▶ DISAGREE 4  
**differences**  
*patch up your differences/settle your differences* ▶ ARGUE 7  
**different** ▶ DIFFERENT 1, 5; VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 1  
*along different lines* ▶ DIFFERENT 9  
*be different* ▶ DIFFERENT 4  
*be no different from* ▶ SAME 2  
**differentiate** ▶ DIFFERENT 10  
**differently/in a different way** ▶ DIFFERENT 9  
**differing** ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 1  
**difficult** ▶ DIFFICULT 1, 5, 7, 9  
*awkward/difficult* ▶ CONVENIENT 4  
*find sth difficult* ▶ DIFFICULT 10  
*make life difficult* ▶ PROBLEM 8, 10  
*make sth more difficult/make sth harder* ▶ DIFFICULT 6  
*not difficult/hard* ▶ EASY 1  
**difficult position**  
*be in a difficult/awkward position* ▶ PROBLEM 7  
**difficult/awkward** ▶ PROBLEM 11  
**difficult/hard** ▶ DIFFICULT 8  
**difficulties**  
*fraught with problems/difficulties* ▶ PROBLEM 5  
*learning difficulties* ▶ DISABLED 1  
*run into problems/difficulties* ▶ PROBLEM 6  
**difficulty** ▶ PROBLEM 1  
*have difficulty/trouble* ▶ DIFFICULT 10; PROBLEM 6  
*present a problem/difficulty* ▶ PROBLEM 8  
*with difficulty* ▶ DIFFICULT 10  
**diffident** ▶ SHY 1  
**dig** ▶ DIG 1  
**dig in/tuck in** ▶ EAT 1  
**dig out** ▶ DIG 2; FIND 2; HOLE 7  
**dig sb in the ribs** ▶ PUSH 3  
**dig up** ▶ DIG 2; FIND OUT 2  
**digest** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 4  
**digit** ▶ NUMBER 1  
**dignified** ▶ PROUD 7  
**dignitary** ▶ IMPORTANT 4  
**dignity** ▶ PROUD 7  
**digress** ▶ SUBJECT 7  
**digs** ▶ STAY 7  
**dilapidated** ▶ CONDITION 3  
**dilemma** ▶ PROBLEM 4  
**dilute** ▶ MIX 1; REDUCE 5; WATER 5  
**dim** ▶ BRIGHT 4; SEE 6; STUPID/SILLY 5  
*take a dim view of* ▶ DISAPPROVE 1  
**dimension** ▶ PART 6  
**dimensions** ▶ SIZE 1

**diminutive** ▶ SHORT 8  
**dimly-lit** ▶ DARK 1  
**din** ▶ LOUD 3  
**dine** ▶ EAT 2  
**dingy** ▶ DARK 1  
**dinner** ▶ MEAL 3, 4, 5  
**dinner party** ▶ MEAL 5  
**dinosaur** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 7  
**dip** ▶ HOLE 3; PUT 6  
**dip into** ▶ READ 3  
**diploma** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 7  
**diplomat** ▶ REPRESENT 4  
**diplomatic** ▶ POLITE 2; REPRESENT 4  
**dire straits**  
*be in dire straits* ▶ PROBLEM 7  
**direct** ▶ DIRECTION 3; HONEST 2; PERSONALLY/YOURSELF 3; STRAIGHT 2; TRAVEL 5  
**direct mail**  
*junk mail/direct mail* ▶ ADVERTISING 3  
**direct sb to do sth** ▶ TELL 18  
**direction** ▶ DIRECTION 1  
*change direction* ▶ TURN 8  
*in the direction of sth* ▶ TOWARDS 1  
*lack direction* ▶ PURPOSE 5  
*sense of direction* ▶ DIRECTION 4  
*the opposite direction/the other direction* ▶ OPPOSITE 5  
**directions** ▶ INSTRUCTIONS 1; WAY 9  
*ask for directions* ▶ DIRECTION 2  
*give directions* ▶ DIRECTION 3  
*in opposite directions* ▶ OPPOSITE 5  
**directive** ▶ TELL 22  
**director** ▶ MANAGER 2  
*managing director* ▶ MANAGER 2  
**directors**  
*the board/the board of directors* ▶ MANAGER 4  
**dirt** ▶ DIRTY 6; LAND/GROUND 5  
*treat sb like dirt* ▶ CRUEL 5  
**dirt cheap** ▶ CHEAP 5  
**dirt road** ▶ ROAD/PATH 2  
**dirty** ▶ DIRTY 1, 4; SEX 17  
*get sth dirty* ▶ DIRTY 4  
**dirty look**  
*give sb a dirty look* ▶ DISAPPROVE 3; LOOK 4  
**dirty old man** ▶ SEX 12  
**dirty tricks** ▶ DISHONEST 4  
**disability** ▶ DISABLED 2  
**disable** ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 5  
**disabled** ▶ DISABLED 1  
**disadvantage** ▶ DISADVANTAGE 1, 2  
*be at a disadvantage* ▶ DISADVANTAGE 3  
*be to sb's/sth's disadvantage* ▶ DISADVANTAGE 3  
*have a disadvantage* ▶ DISADVANTAGE 3  
**disadvantaged** ▶ DISADVANTAGE 3; POOR 3  
**disadvantages**  
*advantages and disadvantages* ▶ ADVANTAGE 3  
**disagree** ▶ DISAGREE 1  
*agree to disagree* ▶ DISAGREE 1  
**disagreeable** ▶ ANGRY 11  
**disagreement** ▶ ARGUE 4; DISAGREE 4  
*give rise to/lead to/cause disagreement* ▶ DISAGREE 5  
**disappear** ▶ DISAPPEAR 1, 2, 3, 4; EXIST 3; LOSE 2



**disappear/vanish without trace**  
 ▶ DISAPPEAR 1  
**disappoint** ▶ DISAPPOINTED 3  
**disappointed** ▶ DISAPPOINTED 1  
**disappointing** ▶ DISAPPOINTED 2  
**disappointment**  
*be a disappointment*  
 ▶ DISAPPOINTED 2  
**disapproval** ▶ DISAPPROVE 1  
*voice/express/show etc your disapproval* ▶ DISAPPROVE 2  
**disapprove** ▶ DISAPPROVE 1  
**disapproving** ▶ DISAPPROVE 4  
**disarray**  
*in disarray* ▶ ORGANIZE 3  
**disaster** ▶ ACCIDENT 2; DISASTER 1  
*be a disaster* ▶ FAIL 5  
**disaster/disaster area** ▶ UNTIDY 4  
**disastrous** ▶ DISASTER 2  
**disbelief** ▶ BELIEVE 3  
**disbelieve** ▶ BELIEVE 3  
**discard** ▶ THROW 6  
**discerning** ▶ TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 3  
**discharge** ▶ LEAVE 26  
**disciplinarian** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 1  
**disciplinary** ▶ PUNISH 1  
**discipline** ▶ PUNISH 1; SUBJECT 3  
**disciplined** ▶ OBEY 3  
**disclose** ▶ TELL 11  
**disco** ▶ DANCE 4  
**discomfort** ▶ COMFORTABLE/UNCOMFORTABLE 5  
**discomforts** ▶ COMFORTABLE/UNCOMFORTABLE 8  
**disconnect** ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 2  
**disconnected** ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 4  
*get cut off/get disconnected*  
 ▶ TELEPHONE 7  
**discontinue** ▶ STOP 19  
**discord** ▶ DISAGREE 4  
**discount** ▶ CHEAP 7  
**discourage** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 6; PERSUADE 11; STOP 24  
**discouraged** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 5  
**discouraging** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 6  
**discourteous** ▶ RUDE 1  
**discover** ▶ FIND 5, 6; FIND OUT 1  
**discovered**  
*newly discovered* ▶ NEW 6  
**discovery** ▶ FIND 7; FIND OUT 9  
*make a discovery* ▶ FIND 5  
**discredit** ▶ SPOIL 5  
**discredit/bring discredit on**  
 ▶ REPUTATION 3  
**discreet** ▶ CAREFUL 7; POLITE 2  
**discrepancy** ▶ DIFFERENT 12  
**discretion** ▶ SECRET 4  
**discriminate** ▶ DIFFERENT 10  
**discriminate against** ▶ UNFAIR 2  
**discriminating** ▶ TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 3  
**discrimination** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 9; UNFAIR 2  
**discriminatory** ▶ UNFAIR 2  
**discuss** ▶ DISCUSS 1; TALK 2  
**discussed**  
*be discussed* ▶ DISCUSS 3

**discussion** ▶ DISCUSS 5  
*be open to discussion/negotiation*  
 ▶ DISCUSS 4  
*be under discussion* ▶ DISCUSS 3  
**disease** ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 1  
**disembark** ▶ GET ON OR OFF A BUS, PLANE ETC 2  
**disenchanted** ▶ DISAPPOINTED 1  
**disenfranchise** ▶ VOTE 5  
**disentangle** ▶ TIE/UNTIE 4  
**disgrace** ▶ ASHAMED 2, 3  
*be a disgrace* ▶ BAD 13  
**disgruntled** ▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 6  
**disguise** ▶ HIDE 3  
**disguise as** ▶ PRETEND 2  
**disguise/mask** ▶ HIDE 7  
**disguised** ▶ HIDE 9  
**disgust** ▶ HORRIBLE 5, 6  
**disgusted** ▶ HORRIBLE 5  
*be disgusted* ▶ ANGRY 4  
**disgusting** ▶ BAD 13; HORRIBLE 3  
**dish** ▶ FOOD 2; MEAL 11  
**dish out/dole out** ▶ GIVE 2  
**dishes**  
*wash the dishes/do the dishes*  
 ▶ WASH 5  
**dishevelled** ▶ UNTIDY 2  
**dishonest** ▶ DISHONEST 1  
**dishonesty** ▶ DISHONEST 4  
**disillusioned** ▶ DISAPPOINTED 1  
**disincentive** ▶ PERSUADE 12  
**disinfect** ▶ CLEAN 3  
**disinformation** ▶ LIE 4  
**disintegrate** ▶ BREAK 6  
**disinterested** ▶ FAIR 3  
**disk** ▶ CIRCLE 4  
**dislike** ▶ DISLIKE 1, 5  
**dislikes**  
*likes and dislikes* ▶ LIKE 6  
**dislocate** ▶ HURT/INJURE 2  
**disloyal** ▶ LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 3  
**disloyalty** ▶ LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 4  
**dismal** ▶ SAD 4  
**dismantle** ▶ SEPARATE 2  
**dismayed** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 1  
**dismiss** ▶ REJECT 3  
**dismissive** ▶ RUDE 3  
**dismount** ▶ GET ON OR OFF A BUS, PLANE ETC 2  
**disobedient** ▶ DISOBEY 3  
**disobey** ▶ DISOBEY 1, 2  
**disorder** ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 1; MENTALLY ILL 2; ORGANIZE 4  
**disorganized** ▶ ORGANIZE 3, 6  
**disparity** ▶ DIFFERENT 8  
**dispatch/despatch** ▶ MESSAGE 1; SEND 1, 3  
**dispel** ▶ GET RID OF 5  
**dispense with**  
*can dispense with* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 8  
**disperse** ▶ CROWD 5, 6; LEAVE 13  
**display** ▶ SHOW 3, 4, 5, 13  
*be on show/on display* ▶ SHOW 4  
**displeased** ▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 6  
**disposable** ▶ THROW 7  
**disposal**  
*at your disposal* ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 1  
**dispose of** ▶ GET RID OF 1

**dispose of sth** ▶ THROW 6  
**disposition**  
*a nervous/jealous etc disposition*  
 ▶ CHARACTER 1  
*have a happy/cheerful/sunny disposition* ▶ HAPPY 4  
**disproportionate** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 8  
**disprove** ▶ PROVE 2  
**dispute** ▶ ARGUE 4  
*be beyond dispute* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 1  
**disqualify** ▶ FORBID 5  
**disregard** ▶ DISOBEY 2  
**disrepair**  
*fall into disrepair* ▶ CONDITION 6  
**disrepute**  
*bring sb/sth into disrepute*  
 ▶ REPUTATION 3  
**disrespect** ▶ RUDE 2  
**disrespectful** ▶ RUDE 2  
**disrupt** ▶ DISTURB 2  
**diss** ▶ RUDE 2  
**dissect** ▶ CUT 4  
**disseminate** ▶ SPREAD 2  
**dissent** ▶ DISAGREE 1, 4  
**dissipate** ▶ WASTE 1  
**dissolve** ▶ LIQUID 5  
**distance** ▶ DISTANCE 1  
*a short distance* ▶ NEAR 1  
*from a distance/at a distance* ▶ FAR 2  
*in the distance* ▶ FAR 2  
*it's no distance* ▶ NEAR 3  
*keep your distance* ▶ NEAR 11  
*some distance/quite a distance/a good distance* ▶ FAR 1  
*within walking/driving etc distance*  
 ▶ NEAR 3  
**distance yourself from**  
*detach/distance yourself from*  
 ▶ SEPARATE 8  
**distant** ▶ FAR 2; UNFRIENDLY 2  
**distant/far-off** ▶ FAR 3  
**distaste** ▶ DISLIKE 5  
**distil** ▶ PURE 2  
**distinct** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 6; DIFFERENT 6  
**distinct/definite** ▶ OBVIOUS 1  
**distinction** ▶ DIFFERENT 7  
*draw/make a distinction*  
 ▶ DIFFERENT 10  
**distinctive** ▶ DIFFERENT 3  
**distinctly remember**  
 ▶ REMEMBER 4  
**distinguish** ▶ DIFFERENT 10, 11; SEE 2  
**distinguish yourself** ▶ DO/NOT DO 11  
**distinguishing feature/mark/characteristic** ▶ DIFFERENT 7  
**distort** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 10  
**distorted** ▶ SHAPE 3  
**distract** ▶ DISTURB 1  
**distraught** ▶ UPSET 1  
**distress** ▶ UPSET 2  
**distressed** ▶ UPSET 1  
**distressing** ▶ UPSET 4  
**distribute** ▶ GIVE 2; SHARE 3  
**district** ▶ AREA 2  
**District Attorney/D.A.** ▶ ACCUSE 5  
**distrust/mistrust** ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 6, 7



**distrustful/mistrustful** ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 8  
**disturb** ▶ DISTURB 1, 2; WAKE UP/GET UP 2  
**disturbance** ▶ VIOLENT 6  
**disuse**  
*fall into disuse* ▶ USE 14  
**disused** ▶ USE 14  
**ditch** ▶ GET RID OF 4  
**dither** ▶ DECIDE 7  
**dive** ▶ DOWN 2, 4; JUMP 1  
**diverse** ▶ DIFFERENT 1; VARIOUS/OFF DIFFERENT KINDS 2, 3  
**diversify** ▶ VARIOUS/OFF DIFFERENT KINDS 6  
**diversion** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 3  
**divert/distract attention**  
 ▶ ATTENTION 9  
**divide** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 7; DIFFERENT 8; DISAGREE 5; SEPARATE 2, 4  
**divide/divide up** ▶ SHARE 3  
**divided**  
*be divided/split* ▶ DISAGREE 3  
**divine** ▶ RELIGION 4  
**division** ▶ DISAGREE 3; PART 4  
**divorce** ▶ DIVORCE 1  
**divorced** ▶ DIVORCE 2; MARRY 13  
*get divorced* ▶ DIVORCE 1  
**divorcee** ▶ DIVORCE 2  
**divulge** ▶ TELL 11  
**DIY store** ▶ SHOP/STORE 3  
**dizzy** ▶ BALANCE 6  
**DJ/deejay** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 8  
**do** ▶ COOK 1; DANCE 1; DO/NOT DO 1; PARTY 1; PERFORM/PERFORMANCE 4; PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 1; SPEND MONEY/TIME 12; STUDY 1; TEST 2; TRAVEL 4, 8; VISIT 3; WORK 8  
*do away with* ▶ GET RID OF 4  
*do it* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 2  
*do sb out of* ▶ CHEAT 1  
*do sth for* ▶ HELP 1  
*do up* ▶ FASTEN/UNFASTEN 1  
*do well* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 6, 7  
*do without/go without* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 8  
*do without/manage without* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 7  
*not do* ▶ DO/NOT DO 13  
*something to do* ▶ DO/NOT DO 8  
*will do* ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 1  
*will/should do* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 1  
*won't do* ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 4  
**do-gooder** ▶ INTERFERE 2  
**doable** ▶ POSSIBLE 1  
**docent** ▶ TAKE 7  
**dock** ▶ ARRIVE 2  
*in the dock* ▶ ACCUSE 4  
**doctor** ▶ DOCTOR 1  
*spin doctor* ▶ POLITICS 2  
**doctorate/PhD** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 7  
**document** ▶ RECORD 1; WRITE 13  
**documentary** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 4  
**documentation** ▶ PROVE 3  
**doddle**  
*be a doddle* ▶ EASY 2  
**dodge** ▶ AVOID 2, 5  
**dodge/duck/sidestep** ▶ AVOID 4

**dodgy** ▶ DISHONEST 3  
**dog** ▶ PROBLEM 8  
*walk the dog* ▶ WALK 11  
**dog-eared** ▶ CONDITION 5  
**dogged** ▶ DETERMINED 6  
**dogsbody** ▶ WORK HARD 5  
**dole**  
*be on the dole* ▶ JOB 5  
**dole out**  
*dish out/dole out* ▶ GIVE 2  
**doll yourself up/get dolled up**  
 ▶ CLOTHES 8  
**dollop** ▶ PIECE 3  
**domain** ▶ AREA 9  
**domestic** ▶ COUNTRY 10; FAMILY 2; HOME 3, 4; PRIVATE 3  
**dominant** ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 2  
**dominate** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 3, 6; HIGH 4  
**domineering** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 3  
**domino effect** ▶ RESULT 6  
**don't**  
*don't mention it* ▶ THANK 5  
*don't mind* ▶ DON'T CARE 2  
*don't worry* ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB FEEL BETTER 1  
**donate** ▶ GIVE 5  
**donation** ▶ GIVE 6  
*make a donation* ▶ GIVE 5  
**done**  
*be done* ▶ FINISH 5  
**donkey**  
*can talk the hind leg off a donkey*  
 ▶ TALK 12  
**donkey work** ▶ WORK 6  
**donkey's years** ▶ LONG 6; TIME 10  
**donor** ▶ GIVE 5  
*blood/kidney etc donor* ▶ GIVE 5  
**doodad/doohickey** ▶ NAME 8  
**doodle** ▶ DRAW 1, 2  
**doomed** ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 5; FAIL 4  
**door**  
*show sb the door* ▶ LEAVE 11  
**door-to-door**  
*carry out door-to-door inquiries*  
 ▶ ASK 4  
**doormat** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 8  
**doornail**  
*stone-dead/dead as a doornail*  
 ▶ DEAD 1  
**doors**  
*behind closed doors* ▶ SECRET 5  
*open doors for/open the door for*  
 ▶ CHANCE 4  
**doorstep**  
*on your doorstep* ▶ NEAR 2  
**dope** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 4  
**dork** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 4  
**dosh** ▶ MONEY 1  
**doss** ▶ SLEEP 8  
**dot**  
*on the dot* ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 1; ON TIME 1  
**dotage** ▶ OLD 7  
**dotcom** ▶ COMPANY 1; COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 8  
**dote on** ▶ LOVE 3  
**doting** ▶ LOVE 5  
**dotted** ▶ SPREAD 5  
**dotted line** ▶ LINE 1

**double** ▶ INCREASE 3; TWO 6, 7, 9, 10  
*sb's double* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 5  
**double as** ▶ USE 6  
**double meaning/entendre** ▶ JOKE 1  
**double standards** ▶ UNFAIR 2  
**double up/over** ▶ BEND 2  
**double-check** ▶ CHECK 1  
**double-cross** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 1  
**double/triple in value** ▶ VALUE 5  
**double/triple/quadruple**  
 ▶ INCREASE 6  
**doubt** ▶ BELIEVE 3; DOUBT 1; SURE/NOT SURE 3  
*be in doubt* ▶ UNCERTAIN 2  
*beyond a shadow of a doubt*  
 ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 1  
*give sb the benefit of the doubt*  
 ▶ BELIEVE 1  
*have no doubt* ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 1  
*there's no doubt/there's no question*  
 ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 1  
*undoubtedly/unquestionably/without doubt/without a doubt*  
 ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 1  
**doubtful** ▶ PROBABLY 8  
*be doubtful* ▶ DOUBT 1  
*be/look/remain etc doubtful*  
 ▶ UNCERTAIN 2  
**doubts**  
*have doubts* ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 4  
*raise doubts* ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 5  
**dough** ▶ MONEY 1  
**down** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 7; DOWN 1; DRINK 3  
*be down* ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 3  
*down in the dumps* ▶ SAD 2  
*down payment* ▶ PAY 12  
*down tools* ▶ STRIKE 1  
*down/low* ▶ SAD 2  
*get down to* ▶ START 1  
*get sb down* ▶ SAD 5  
*go down to* ▶ REACH 1  
*go down/come down* ▶ LESS 5  
*go down/decline* ▶ WORSE 2  
**down-to-earth** ▶ SENSIBLE 1  
**downbeat** ▶ EXPECT 6  
**downcast** ▶ SAD 1  
**downer**  
*be a downer* ▶ SAD 5  
**downgrade** ▶ IMPORTANT 9  
**downhill** ▶ DOWN 1  
*go downhill* ▶ WORSE 2  
**download** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 9  
**downplay**  
*play down/downplay*  
 ▶ UNIMPORTANT 6  
**downside**  
*the downside* ▶ DISADVANTAGE 1  
**downsize/rightsize** ▶ REDUCE 4  
**downtown** ▶ TOWN 2, 6  
**downward** ▶ DOWN 1  
**downwards** ▶ DOWN 1  
**doze** ▶ SLEEP 2  
**doze off** ▶ SLEEP 3  
**dozens** ▶ LOT 2  
**drab** ▶ BORING/BORED 2  
**draconian** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 2  
**draft** ▶ WRITE 10  
**drag** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 4; PULL 3; TIME 24  
**drag a river/pond etc** ▶ LOOK FOR 5  
**drag on** ▶ CONTINUE 2; LAST 5; LONG 8



**drag out** ▶ LONG 12  
**drag sb into** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 6  
**drag sth out of** ▶ FIND OUT 5  
**drag up/rake up** ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 4  
**drag your feet** ▶ WILLING 3  
**drain** ▶ DRINK 3; EMPTY 5  
**drained** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 1  
**drama** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 3  
**drama queen** ▶ FEEL 11  
**dramatic** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 4; SHOW OFF 3; SUDDENLY 2  
**dramatics**  
*amateur dramatics* ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 3  
**draughty** ▶ COLD 5  
**draw** ▶ ATTRACT/ATTRACTION 2; DRAW 1; EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 4; PULL 1; SCORE 2  
**draw a blank** ▶ FAIL 1  
**draw a line** ▶ LINE 9  
**draw a parallel** ▶ COMPARE 1  
**draw an analogy** ▶ COMPARE 1  
**draw attention away from** ▶ ATTENTION 9  
**draw attention to yourself** ▶ ATTENTION 6  
**draw near** ▶ NEAR 8  
**draw on** ▶ SMOKING 1; USE 2  
**draw the curtains/close the curtains** ▶ SHUT 1  
**draw the line** ▶ REFUSE 1  
**draw to a close/to an end** ▶ FINISH 8  
**draw/call attention to** ▶ ATTENTION 7  
**draw/make a distinction** ▶ DIFFERENT 10  
**draw/pull yourself up to your full height** ▶ STAND 3  
**drawback** ▶ DISADVANTAGE 1  
**drawing** ▶ DRAW 2; PICTURE 1  
**drawn** ▶ THIN 6; TIRED/TIRING 4  
**drawn into**  
*get drawn into* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 5  
**dread** ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 2  
**dreadful** ▶ BAD 1  
*awful/terrible/dreadful* ▶ BAD 4  
*bad/terrible/dreadful etc experience* ▶ EXPERIENCE 2  
**dreadfully** ▶ VERY 2  
**dream** ▶ DREAM 1, 2; IMAGINE 2; WANT/NOT WANT 8  
*have a dream* ▶ DREAM 2  
**dream of** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 4  
**dream up** ▶ INVENT 1  
**dreams**  
*in your wildest dreams* ▶ EXPECT 8  
**dreary** ▶ BORING/BORED 2; SAD 4  
**drench** ▶ WET 4  
**drenched** ▶ WET 1  
**dress down** ▶ CLOTHES 6  
**dress sb/get sb dressed** ▶ CLOTHES 9  
**dress up** ▶ CLOTHES 7  
**dress up/get dressed up** ▶ CLOTHES 8  
**dressed**  
*be dressed* ▶ CLOTHES 6  
*be dressed up* ▶ CLOTHES 6  
*dress sb/get sb dressed* ▶ CLOTHES 9

*dress up/get dressed up* ▶ CLOTHES 8  
*get dressed* ▶ CLOTHES 7  
*mutton dressed as lamb* ▶ YOUNG 8  
*neatly dressed* ▶ TIDY 4  
**dressing down**  
*give sb a dressing down* ▶ TELL SB OFF 2  
**dribs and drabs**  
*in dribs and drabs* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 3  
**dried** ▶ DRY 5  
**drift** ▶ MEANING 2  
**drift apart** ▶ SEPARATE 7  
**drift off** ▶ SLEEP 3  
**drifter** ▶ TRAVEL 12  
**drill** ▶ HOLE 7  
**drill a hole** ▶ HOLE 8  
**drink** ▶ DRINK 1, 4, 6, 8  
*can hold your drink* ▶ DRUNK 10  
*don't drink/doesn't drink* ▶ DRINK 9  
*have a drink* ▶ DRINK 8  
*have a drink problem* ▶ DRUNK 6  
*have had too much to drink/have had one too many* ▶ DRUNK 1  
*need a drink* ▶ THIRSTY 1  
*soft drink* ▶ DRINK 7  
*something to drink* ▶ DRINK 4  
**drink and drive** ▶ DRUNK 5  
**drink driving** ▶ DRUNK 5  
**drink up** ▶ DRINK 3  
**drinker** ▶ DRUNK 6  
**drinking**  
*give up drinking/stop drinking* ▶ DRINK 10  
*have been drinking* ▶ DRUNK 1  
**drip** ▶ FLOW 1  
**drive** ▶ DETERMINED 5; DRIVE 1, 2; FIGHT 9; FORCE SB TO DO STH 3; ROAD/PATH 1; TAKE 1; TRAVEL 3, 9; TRY 7  
*go for a drive* ▶ DRIVE 2  
*sex drive* ▶ SEX 9  
*take/drive sb somewhere* ▶ DRIVE 3  
*work/drive yourself into the ground* ▶ WORK HARD 3  
**drive a wedge between sb** ▶ RELATIONSHIP 3  
**drive off** ▶ LEAVE 4  
**drive on/play on/read on etc** ▶ CONTINUE 1  
**drive sb crazy/nuts/mad/insane** ▶ CRAZY 5  
**drive sb round the bend/twist** ▶ CRAZY 5  
**drive sb to despair** ▶ SAD 5  
**drive sb up the wall** ▶ CRAZY 5  
**drive the point home/drive home the point** ▶ EMPHASIZE 1  
**drive up**  
*push up/drive up/force up* ▶ INCREASE 6  
**drive/push yourself too hard** ▶ WORK HARD 3  
**driver** ▶ DRIVE 4, 5  
**driving** ▶ DRIVE 1  
**driving force**  
*be the driving force* ▶ IMPORTANT 8  
**driving seat**  
*be in the driving seat* ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 1  
**drizzle** ▶ POUR 1  
**drizzling**  
*it's drizzling* ▶ WEATHER 9  
**droop** ▶ WEAK 6

**drop** ▶ DOWN 2, 6; FALL 4, 7; HOLD 9; INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 6; LIQUID 2; LITTLE 3; STOP 3, 4; TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 10  
*a drop in the ocean* ▶ LITTLE 4  
*fall/drop* ▶ LESS 5  
**drop a hint** ▶ SAY 6  
**drop behind**  
*fall/drop behind* ▶ SLOW 5  
**drop dead** ▶ DIE 1  
**drop in/drop by** ▶ VISIT 2  
**drop off** ▶ SLEEP 3  
**drop out** ▶ CONVENTIONAL/UNCONVENTIONAL 2; LEAVE 19; REJECT 4  
*pull/drop out* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 9  
**drop sb a line** ▶ WRITE 4  
**drop the subject/drop it** ▶ TALK 16  
**drop/fall** ▶ COLD 9; REDUCE 7  
**dropout** ▶ LEAVE 20  
**drought** ▶ DRY 2  
**droves**  
*in droves* ▶ LOT 7  
**drown** ▶ KILL 1  
**drown out** ▶ HEAR 5  
**drown your sorrows** ▶ DRUNK 4  
**drowsiness** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 8  
**drowsy** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 2  
**drubbing** ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 5  
**drudge** ▶ WORK HARD 5  
**drudgery** ▶ WORK 6  
**drug** ▶ DRUG 1, 2  
*miracle drug/cure* ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 2  
*pusher/drug pusher* ▶ DRUG 7  
**drug dealer/dealer** ▶ DRUG 7  
**drug trafficking** ▶ DRUG 7  
**drug user** ▶ ADDICTED 2  
**drugs**  
*do drugs* ▶ DRUG 3  
**drum up support** ▶ SUPPORT 6  
**drums**  
*on (the) drums/guitar/keyboards etc* ▶ MUSIC 3  
**drunk** ▶ DRUNK 1, 6  
*blind drunk* ▶ DRUNK 3  
*get drunk* ▶ DRUNK 4  
**drunkard** ▶ DRUNK 6  
**drunken** ▶ DRUNK 1, 7  
**dry** ▶ DRY 1, 2, 3, 4; TASTE 4; THIRSTY 1; WEATHER 4  
**dry cleaner's**  
*cleaner's/dry cleaner's* ▶ CLEAN 8  
**dry off** ▶ DRY 4  
**dry out** ▶ DRY 3  
**dry run** ▶ PRACTISE/PRACTICE 2  
**dry up** ▶ DRY 3; FORGET 2  
**dry your eyes/tears** ▶ CRY 5  
**dry yourself off** ▶ DRY 4  
**dry-clean** ▶ WASH 4  
**dual** ▶ TWO 9  
**dub** ▶ CALL/DESCRIBE AS 2  
**dubious**  
*be dubious* ▶ DOUBT 1; SURE/NOT SURE 4  
**dubious/questionable** ▶ DISHONEST 3  
**duck** ▶ AVOID 5  
*dodge/duck/sidestep* ▶ AVOID 4  
*sitting duck* ▶ ATTACK 9  
**duck out of** ▶ AVOID 2



**due** ▶ OWE 5  
*be due* ▶ EXPECT 9

**due to/owing to** ▶ BECAUSE 1

**DUI/DWI** ▶ DRUNK 5

**dull** ▶ BORING/BORED 1, 3; SHINE/SHINY 7; WEATHER 11  
*deaden/dull* ▶ REDUCE 2

**dull moment**  
*there's never a dull moment*  
 ▶ INTERESTING 3

**dumb** ▶ SPEAK 8; STUPID/SILLY 1, 5  
*be struck dumb* ▶ SAY 10

**dumbfounded/dumbstruck**  
 ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 3

**dummy** ▶ FALSE 2

**dump** ▶ GET RID OF 3; PUT 3; THROW 6; UNTIDY 1

**dummy** ▶ FAT 3

**dunk** ▶ PUT 6

**duo** ▶ TWO 2

**dupe** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 1, 4

**duped**  
*be duped* ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 2

**duplicate** ▶ COPY 4

**durable** ▶ STRONG 4

**duration** ▶ TIME 8

**duress**  
*under duress* ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 2; THREATEN 1

**during** ▶ DURING 1  
*in the course of/during the course of*  
 ▶ DURING 1

**dust** ▶ CLEAN 5; DIRTY 6  
*gather dust* ▶ USE 14  
*not see someone for dust* ▶ LEAVE 6

**dusty** ▶ DIRTY 1; DRY 2

**duties** ▶ WORK 1  
*relieve sb of their duties/post*  
 ▶ LEAVE 23

**dutiful** ▶ OBEY 3

**duty** ▶ MONEY 10; WORK 10  
*be on duty* ▶ WORK 9  
*be sb's duty (to do sth)/have a duty (to do sth)* ▶ SHOULD/UGHT TO 1  
*sb's duty* ▶ RESPONSIBLE 2

**dwarf** ▶ HIGH 4; TALL 3

**dwelt on** ▶ THINK 2

**DWI**  
*DUI/DWI* ▶ DRUNK 5

**dwindle** ▶ LESS 5

**dye** ▶ COLOUR 8

**dying** ▶ DIE 5  
*be dying* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 2  
*be dying/dropping like flies* ▶ LOT 7

**dying for**  
*be dying for* ▶ THIRSTY 1

**dynamic** ▶ ENERGETIC 1

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**e-** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 8

**e-commerce** ▶ BUSINESS 1

**e-mail/email** ▶ LETTER 1

**e.g./eg** ▶ EXAMPLE 3

**each** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 1; BOTH 1; EVERYONE 2; TWO 4

**each and every person/child/member etc** ▶ EVERYONE 2

**each other/one another** ▶ BOTH 1; EACH OTHER 1; TWO 4

**eager** ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/UNENTHUSIASTIC 1  
*be eager to do sth* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 2

**eagerness** ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/UNENTHUSIASTIC 3

**eagle-eyed** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 3

**ear**  
*go in one ear and out the other*  
 ▶ FORGET 2  
*play by ear* ▶ MUSIC 3  
*play it by ear* ▶ PLAN 11

**ear-splitting** ▶ LOUD 2

**earlier** ▶ BEFORE 3, 5

**earliest** ▶ FIRST 1

**early** ▶ BEGINNING 3; EARLY 1, 3  
*bright and early* ▶ EARLY 3  
*too early* ▶ EARLY 2

**early days**  
*it's early days* ▶ EARLY 2

**early hours**  
*the early hours* ▶ LATE 7

**early riser** ▶ WAKE UP/GET UP 6

**earmark** ▶ PURPOSE 4

**earn** ▶ EARN 1; PROFIT 3

**earn your keep** ▶ EARN 3

**earn/make a living** ▶ EARN 3

**earn/make good money** ▶ EARN 4

**earned**  
*have earned* ▶ DESERVE 1

**earnest** ▶ SERIOUS 6  
*be in earnest* ▶ SERIOUS 3

**earnings** ▶ EARN 8

**ears**  
*be all ears* ▶ INTERESTED 2  
*be up to your ears/neck in* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 1  
*be up to your neck/ears in debt*  
 ▶ OWE 2  
*fall on deaf ears* ▶ IGNORE 1

**earshot**  
*out of earshot* ▶ HEAR 4  
*within earshot* ▶ HEAR 3

**earth** ▶ LAND/GROUND 5  
*cost a bomb/the earth* ▶ EXPENSIVE 2

**earth/Earth** ▶ WORLD 1

**earthwards** ▶ DOWN 1

**ease** ▶ EASY 6; REDUCE 2

**ease up on** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 7

**easier**  
*make sth easier* ▶ EASY 6

**easier said than done** ▶ DIFFICULT 1

**easiest**  
*not the easiest* ▶ DIFFICULT 1

**easily** ▶ EASY 4  
*be/get easily offended* ▶ OFFEND 3

**easily-led** ▶ PERSUADE 10

**easy** ▶ EASY 1, 3  
*go easy on* ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 7  
*I'm easy* ▶ DON'T CARE 2  
*it is easy to see* ▶ OBVIOUS 1  
*not an easy.../be no easy...*  
 ▶ DIFFICULT 1  
*take it easy* ▶ CALM 5; GOODBYE 1; RELAX/RELAXED 1; REST 1  
*the easy way* ▶ EASY 5

**easy option** ▶ EASY 5

**easy to get on with** ▶ FRIENDLY 1

**easy to understand/follow**  
 ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 8

**easy-going** ▶ RELAX/RELAXED 3; STRICT/NOT STRICT 8

**easygoing** ▶ FRIENDLY 1

**eat** ▶ EAT 1, 2  
*couldn't eat another thing* ▶ EAT 10  
*feel like something to eat/want something to eat* ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 1  
*grab something/a bite to eat* ▶ EAT 2  
*have something to eat* ▶ EAT 2  
*not get enough to eat* ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 5  
*something to eat* ▶ FOOD 1; MEAL 1

**eat humble pie** ▶ ADMIT 7

**eat into** ▶ REDUCE 6

**eat up** ▶ EAT 6; USE 16

**eat your words** ▶ ADMIT 7

**eater**  
*be a fussy/picky eater* ▶ EAT 12  
*big eater* ▶ EAT 11

**eavesdrop** ▶ LISTEN 2

**ebb**  
*low/lowest ebb* ▶ LEAST 3

**eccentric** ▶ STRANGE 2

**echo** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 3; REFLECT 2; SOUND 15

**eclipse** ▶ BETTER 2

**eco-** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 3

**eco-warrior** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 4

**ecological** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 2

**ecology** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 1

**economic** ▶ MONEY 14

**economical** ▶ CHEAP 1; EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 2; SPEND MONEY/TIME 7  
*be economical with the truth* ▶ LIE 3

**economics** ▶ MONEY 14

**economize** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 4

**economy** ▶ MONEY 16

**ecosystem** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 1

**ecstasy** ▶ ENJOY 7

**ecstatic** ▶ HAPPY 3

**edge** ▶ EDGE 1, 2; SIDE 1; SLOW 6; WALK 14  
*at the leading edge of/cutting edge of*  
 ▶ ADVANCED 1  
*be on the edge of your seat* ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 1  
*give sb the edge* ▶ ADVANTAGE 6  
*have the edge on/over* ▶ BETTER 1  
*on edge* ▶ NERVOUS 1  
*put sb on edge* ▶ NERVOUS 6  
*take the edge off* ▶ REDUCE 2

**edible** ▶ EAT 13

**edit out** ▶ REMOVE 5

**editor** ▶ NEWSPAPERS 3

**editorial** ▶ NEWSPAPERS 2

**educate** ▶ TEACH 3

**educated** ▶ INTELLIGENT 4

**education** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 8; TEACH 4  
*adult education* ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 5  
*higher education* ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 5

**educational** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 8; TEACH 6

**educator** ▶ TEACH 5

**eerie** ▶ STRANGE 1

**effect** ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 4; RESULT 2  
*be bad for/have a bad effect on*  
 ▶ HARM 1  
*come into effect/operation* ▶ START 14  
*domino effect* ▶ RESULT 6  
*have a bad/serious/harmful etc effect*  
 ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 2  
*have an effect* ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 1



*have no effect* ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 4  
*have/achieve the desired effect* ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 1  
*in effect/effectively* ▶ ACTUALLY 1  
*knock-on effect* ▶ RESULT 6  
*net result/effect* ▶ RESULT 2  
*side effect* ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 4; RESULT 3  
*take effect* ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 1  
*to that effect* ▶ MEANING 8

**effective** ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 1, 2; EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 3  
*not effective* ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 4

**effectively**  
*in effect/effectively* ▶ ACTUALLY 1

**effeminate** ▶ WOMAN 4

**efficiency** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 3  
*improve/increase efficiency* ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 4

**efficient** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 1, 2, 3

**effort** ▶ TRY 7; WORK 5  
*make an effort* ▶ TRY 2  
*put a lot of effort into sth* ▶ WORK HARD 1  
*put some effort into it* ▶ WORK HARD 7

**effortless** ▶ EASY 4; GRACEFUL 1

**eg**  
*e.g./eg* ▶ EXAMPLE 3

**egg on your face** ▶ EMBARRASSED/ EMBARRASSING 1

**egg-shaped** ▶ CIRCLE 3

**ego**  
*boost sb's ego* ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 4

**egocentric** ▶ SELFISH/NOT SELFISH 1

**Einstein**  
*be no expert/genius/Einstein etc* ▶ NOT 2

**either** ▶ BOTH 1; TWO 4

**either way**  
*sth could go either way* ▶ UNCERTAIN 3

**eject** ▶ LEAVE 11

**eke out** ▶ LAST 7; LONG 12

**eke out a living/an existence** ▶ SURVIVE 4

**elaborate** ▶ COMPLICATED 1; DECORATE 4; DETAIL 4, 7

**elapse** ▶ TIME 22

**elated** ▶ HAPPY 3

**elation** ▶ HAPPY 7

**elbow** ▶ PUSH 5

**elbow room** ▶ SPACE 1

**elder** ▶ OLD 2

**elderly** ▶ OLD 1  
*the elderly* ▶ OLD 5

**elders** ▶ OLD 2

**eldest** ▶ OLD 2

**elect** ▶ VOTE 2

**election** ▶ VOTE 3

**electioneering** ▶ VOTE 8

**electoral** ▶ VOTE 3

**electorate** ▶ VOTE 4

**elegance** ▶ GRACEFUL 2; STYLE/ ELEGANCE 1

**elegant** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1, 5; GRACEFUL 1; STYLE/ELEGANCE 2

**elegantly** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 8

**element** ▶ GROUP 3; PART 6  
*an element of sth* ▶ LITTLE 6

**element/grain of truth** ▶ TRUE 4

**elementary** ▶ SIMPLE 1

**elementary school/grade school** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 3

**elevated** ▶ HIGH 5

**eleventh hour**  
*at the eleventh hour* ▶ ON TIME 3

**eligible** ▶ MARRY 12

**eliminate** ▶ GET RID OF 4

**elite** ▶ BEST 2; CLASS 5; GROUP 6

**elliptical** ▶ CIRCLE 3

**elongated** ▶ LONG 1

**elope** ▶ MARRY 1

**eloquent** ▶ EXPRESS 2

**else** ▶ DIFFERENT 5  
*nothing else* ▶ ONLY 4  
*or else* ▶ IF 4, 5  
*somewhere else* ▶ PLACE 6

**elsewhere** ▶ PLACE 6

**elude** ▶ ESCAPE 3

**elusive** ▶ FIND 3

**emaciated** ▶ THIN 5

**email** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/ EMAIL 10

**email/email message** ▶ MESSAGE 1

**emanate from** ▶ COME FROM 5

**embargo** ▶ FORBID 7

**embark** ▶ GET ON OR OFF A BUS, PLANE ETC 1

**embark on/upon** ▶ START 1

**embarrass** ▶ EMBARRASSED/ EMBARRASSING 2

**embarrassed** ▶ EMBARRASSED/ EMBARRASSING 1

**embarrassing** ▶ EMBARRASSED/ EMBARRASSING 2

**embarrassment** ▶ EMBARRASSED/ EMBARRASSING 3  
*be an embarrassment* ▶ EMBARRASSED/ EMBARRASSING 2  
*cause embarrassment* ▶ EMBARRASSED/ EMBARRASSING 2

**embassy** ▶ REPRESENT 4

**embezzle** ▶ STEAL 4

**embezzlement** ▶ STEAL 6

**emblem** ▶ SIGN 2

**embrace** ▶ ACCEPT 3; HOLD 6; INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 2

**embroiled**  
*get/become embroiled in* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 5

**embryo** ▶ BABY 3

**embryonic** ▶ DEVELOP 2

**emerge** ▶ APPEAR 1; FIND OUT 3

**emergency** ▶ SERIOUS 2

**emerging** ▶ DEVELOP 2

**emigrate** ▶ FOREIGN 3; LEAVE 17

**eminent** ▶ FAMOUS 1

**emit** ▶ SEND 4; SOUND 3

**emotion** ▶ FEEL 7

**emotional** ▶ FEEL 9, 10

**emotional blackmail** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 1

**emotive** ▶ FEEL 10

**emphasis/stress** ▶ EMPHASIZE 3

**emphasize/stress** ▶ EMPHASIZE 1

**employ** ▶ JOB 7

**employed**  
*be employed* ▶ JOB 4; WORK FOR SB 1

**employee** ▶ WORK FOR SB 3

**employer** ▶ WORK FOR SB 1

**employment** ▶ JOB 1

**empties** ▶ EMPTY 1

**empty** ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 1; EMPTY 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7; POUR 1

**emulate** ▶ COPY 7

**enable**  
*allow/enable* ▶ POSSIBLE 3

**enable sb to do sth** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 5

**encircle** ▶ AROUND/ROUND 3

**enclose** ▶ AROUND/ROUND 2

**encompass** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 2

**encounter** ▶ MEET 2, 7; PROBLEM 6

**encourage** ▶ HELP 2, 3; PERSUADE 1

**encouragement** ▶ HELP 6

**encouraging** ▶ HOPE 6

**encrusted**  
*be encrusted in/with* ▶ COVER 3

**encyclopedia** ▶ BOOKS 5

**end** ▶ END 4; FINISH 7, 8; PURPOSE 1; SIDE 1; STOP 22  
*at the end* ▶ END 3  
*be at a loose end* ▶ DO/NOT DO 16  
*be at an end* ▶ FINISH 7  
*bring sth to an end/to a close* ▶ FINISH 4  
*come to an end* ▶ FINISH 7, 8; STOP 14  
*draw to a close/to an end* ▶ FINISH 8  
*finally/eventually/in the end* ▶ FINALLY 1  
*for days/hours/miles etc on end* ▶ CONTINUE 5  
*from start to finish/from beginning to end* ▶ ALWAYS 3  
*put an end to* ▶ STOP 16  
*stand sth on end* ▶ VERTICAL 2  
*the end* ▶ END 1, 2

**end in tears**  
*sth ends in tears* ▶ WARN 2

**end it all** ▶ KILL 5

**end of the day**  
*at the end of the day* ▶ BASIC 4

**end of the tunnel**  
*light at the end of the tunnel* ▶ HOPE 6

**end of your tether**  
*be at the end of your tether* ▶ FED UP 1

**end result** ▶ RESULT 2

**end up** ▶ ARRIVE 4; FINALLY 1

**endanger** ▶ DANGEROUS 5; RISK 8

**endangered species** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 5

**endear yourself to** ▶ LIKE 9

**endearing** ▶ NICE 1

**endeavour to do sth** ▶ TRY 1

**ending** ▶ END 2

**endless supply** ▶ FINISH 15

**endless/unending/never-ending** ▶ CONTINUE 7

**endorse** ▶ APPROVE 3; SUPPORT 1

**endowed**  
*be endowed with* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 4

**ends**  
*make ends meet* ▶ SURVIVE 4  
*odds and ends* ▶ THING 2

**endurance** ▶ STRONG 3

**endure** ▶ STAND 5; SUFFER 1



**enduring** ▶ LONG 7

**enemy** ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 2;

ENEMY 1, 2; HATE 5; WAR 6

*be your own worst enemy* ▶ HARM 2

**energetic** ▶ ENERGETIC 1, 3

**energy** ▶ ENERGETIC 4

*be full of energy/bursting with energy*

▶ ENERGETIC 1

*sap sb's strength/energy* ▶ WEAK 4

**enfranchise** ▶ VOTE 5

**engage** ▶ JOB 7

**engaged** ▶ MARRY 4

*be engaged* ▶ USE 8

*be engaged in* ▶ TAKE PART/BE

INVOLVED 1

**engagement** ▶ MARRY 4

*have a previous/prior engagement*

▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 8

**engaging** ▶ NICE 1

**engine** ▶ MACHINE 2

**engineer** ▶ ARRANGE 5

*software developer/engineer/designer*

▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 3

**English**

*in plain English* ▶ EXPLAIN 3

*plain English* ▶ SIMPLE 1

**engrossed** ▶ INTERESTED 2

*be engrossed in* ▶ ATTENTION 3

**engrossing** ▶ INTERESTING 2

**enhance** ▶ IMPROVE 4

**enigma** ▶ MYSTERIOUS 3, 4

**enigmatic** ▶ MYSTERIOUS 4

**enjoy** ▶ ENJOY 1; HAVE/NOT HAVE 4

**enjoyable** ▶ ENJOY 3

**enjoyment** ▶ ENJOY 7

**enlarge**

*blow up/enlarge* ▶ BIG 10

**enlarge on**

*expand on/enlarge on* ▶ DETAIL 7

**enlightening** ▶ INFORMATION 4

**enlist** ▶ ARMY 4; JOIN 8

**enlist support** ▶ SUPPORT 6

**enormous**

*huge/enormous* ▶ BIG 2, 3, 4, 6

*huge/enormous/immense* ▶ BIG 7

**enormously/hugely** ▶ VERY 2

**enormously/tremendously**

▶ LOT 14

**enough** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 1, 2

*good enough* ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 1

*have enough* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT

ENOUGH 3

*have had enough* ▶ BORING/

BORED 5; EAT 10; FED UP 1

*more than enough* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT

ENOUGH 4; LOT 4

*not ... enough* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT

ENOUGH 6

*not be good enough* ▶ GOOD

ENOUGH 4

*not enough* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT

ENOUGH 5

*not have enough* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT

ENOUGH 7

**enquiries**

*make inquiries/enquiries* ▶ FIND

OUT 7

**enrich** ▶ IMPROVE 4

**enrol** ▶ JOIN 7; TAKE PART/BE

INVOLVED 3, 4

**ensue** ▶ AFTER 5

**ensuing** ▶ AFTER 4

**ensure**

*insure/ensure* ▶ CERTAINLY/

DEFINITELY 7

**entail** ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 4

**entangled** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 10

**enter** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/

EMAIL 4, 6; ENTER 1, 4, 5, 11; JOIN 7;

TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 3, 4;

WRITE 3

**enter into**

*come into/enter into* ▶ EFFECT/

AFFECT 3

*doesn't come into it/doesn't enter*

*into it* ▶ CONNECTED WITH/

RELATED 7

**enter sb's mind** ▶ THINK 7

**enterprise**

*private enterprise/free enterprise*

▶ PRIVATE 7

**entertain** ▶ INVITE 1; PARTY 3

**entertainment** ▶ PERFORM/

PERFORMANCE 7

**enthralled** ▶ INTERESTED 2

**enthraling**

*mesmerizing/enthraling*

▶ INTERESTING 2

**enthuse** ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/

UNENTHUSIASTIC 2

**enthusiasm** ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/

UNENTHUSIASTIC 3

*be full of enthusiasm*

▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/

UNENTHUSIASTIC 1

*fire sb with enthusiasm*

▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/

UNENTHUSIASTIC 4

*lack of enthusiasm* ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/

UNENTHUSIASTIC 5

**enthusiast** ▶ LIKE 5

**enthusiastic** ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/

UNENTHUSIASTIC 1

*unenthusiastic/not enthusiastic*

▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/

UNENTHUSIASTIC 5

**entice** ▶ PERSUADE 7

**enticing** ▶ ATTRACT/ATTRACTION 3

**entire** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 2

**entirely** ▶ COMPLETELY 1

*not completely/entirely* ▶ PARTLY 1

**entirety**

*in its entirety* ▶ COMPLETE/NOT

COMPLETE 1

**entitle** ▶ RIGHT 12

**entitled**

*be entitled* ▶ NAME 5

*be entitled to* ▶ RIGHT 12

**entitlement** ▶ RIGHT 9

**entrance** ▶ ENTER 10

*make an entrance/make your entrance*

▶ ENTER 1

**entrant** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 8

**entrenched** ▶ CHANGE/NOT

CHANGE 29

**entrepreneur** ▶ BUSINESS 6

**entrust** ▶ RESPONSIBLE 4

**entry** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 8

*gain entry/gain access* ▶ ENTER 4

*refuse entry* ▶ ENTER 9

**entry/entryway** ▶ ENTER 10

**envelop** ▶ COVER 2

**envious** ▶ JEALOUS 2

**environment** ▶ SITUATION 1

*the environment* ▶ ENVIRONMENT 1

**environmental** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 2

**environmental activist/group**

▶ ENVIRONMENT 4

**environmentally friendly**

▶ ENVIRONMENT 3

**envisage** ▶ PREDICT 2

**envoy** ▶ REPRESENT 2

**envy** ▶ JEALOUS 2, 2

**ephemeral** ▶ SHORT 10

**epic** ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2; STORY 1

**epidemic** ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 5;

LOT 5

**episode** ▶ PART 3

**epitome**

*be the epitome of* ▶ TYPICAL 3

**epitomize** ▶ TYPICAL 3

**equal** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 1, 2;

SAME 3

*be equal to* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 3

**equal footing**

*on an equal footing* ▶ EQUAL/NOT

EQUAL 2

**equal opportunities** ▶ RIGHT 10

**equal rights** ▶ RIGHT 10

**equal/match** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 3

**equality** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 2

**equalize** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 5;

SCORE 2

**equally** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 3;

SAME 3

**equilibrium** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 6

**equip** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 5; PREPARE 4;

PROVIDE/SUPPLY 1

**equipment** ▶ EQUIPMENT 1

**equipped**

*be equipped to do sth* ▶ CAN/CAN'T 1

*not be equipped/be ill-equipped*

▶ CAN/CAN'T 6

**equivalent** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 1;

SAME 9

**era** ▶ TIME 13

**eradicate** ▶ GET RID OF 4

**erase** ▶ REMOVE 5

**erect** ▶ BUILD/BUILDING 1;

VERTICAL 1

**erode** ▶ DAMAGE 3; REDUCE 6

**erotic** ▶ SEX 16

**errand** ▶ WORK 10

**erratic** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 3

**erroneous** ▶ WRONG 2

**error** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/

EMAIL 7; MISTAKE 1, 2

**error of judgment** ▶ MISTAKE 3

**erupt** ▶ START 12

**escalate** ▶ INCREASE 1

**escalating** ▶ INCREASE 2

**escape** ▶ AVOID 1; ESCAPE 1, 2, 3, 4;

FORGET 2; LEAVE 7; SURVIVE 1

*can't escape/can't get out* ▶ ESCAPE 7

*make your escape* ▶ ESCAPE 1

*there is no escape* ▶ ESCAPE 7

*you can't escape the fact that*

▶ ADMIT 6

**escape sb's notice** ▶ NOTICE/NOT

NOTICE 2

**escape/get away** ▶ ESCAPE 6

**escaped** ▶ ESCAPE 5

**escort** ▶ TAKE 1

**especially/particularly**

▶ ESPECIALLY 1

**espionage** ▶ SPY 1

**essence** ▶ CHARACTER 5; MAIN 2;

MEANING 2



**essential** ▶ BASIC 1; IMPORTANT 2; NEED/NECESSARY 3  
**essentially** ▶ BASIC 4  
*basically/essentially* ▶ MEANING 8  
**essentials** ▶ IMPORTANT 6; MAIN 3  
**establish** ▶ FIND OUT 4; START 15  
**establish a link** ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 5  
**estate** ▶ HOUSE 3  
**estimate** ▶ COST 3; COUNT/CALCULATE 2, 9; GUESS 1, 5  
**estimated** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 9  
*an estimated* ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 2  
**estranged** ▶ SEPARATE 7  
**etc** ▶ AND/ALSO 3  
**eternal** ▶ ALWAYS 6  
**ethical** ▶ GOOD 9, 13  
**ethics** ▶ GOOD 12  
**ethnic** ▶ RACE 1, 2  
**ethnicity** ▶ RACE 1  
**etiquette** ▶ RULE/REGULATION 2  
**euphoria** ▶ HAPPY 7  
**euthanasia** ▶ KILL 8  
**evacuate** ▶ EMPTY 6  
**evade** ▶ AVOID 2, 4  
**evaluate** ▶ JUDGE 1  
**evasive** ▶ AVOID 4  
**eve**  
*on the eve of/in the run-up to* ▶ BEFORE 1  
**even** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 1  
*break even* ▶ PROFIT 6  
*get even* ▶ REVENGE 1  
**even if** ▶ IF 1  
**even out** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 5  
**even so** ▶ BUT 1  
**even-handed** ▶ FAIR 1  
**evening**  
*morning/afternoon/evening* ▶ HELLO 1  
**evening meal** ▶ MEAL 4  
**evenly**  
*be evenly matched* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 3  
**evenly spaced** ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 3  
**event** ▶ GAME 2; HAPPEN 7, 8  
*in the event of* ▶ IF 1  
**eventful** ▶ HAPPEN 10; INTERESTING 3  
**events**  
*chain of events* ▶ SERIES 1  
**eventually**  
*finally/eventually/in the end* ▶ FINALLY 1  
**ever** ▶ EVER 1  
*as ever/as always* ▶ USUALLY 2  
*for ever and ever* ▶ ALWAYS 4  
*hardly/scarcely ever* ▶ RARE/RARELY 3  
*never ever/never, never* ▶ NEVER 1  
*not ever* ▶ NEVER 1  
*nothing ever happens* ▶ BORING/BORED 2  
**ever since** ▶ SINCE 1  
**everlasting** ▶ ALWAYS 6  
**every** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 1; ALWAYS 1; EVERYONE 2  
*each and every person/child/member etc* ▶ EVERYONE 2  
**every (last) bit/inch/ounce/drop** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 2

**every day/every week/every year etc** ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 1  
**every metre/mile/10 kilometres etc** ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 3  
**every now and then/every so often** ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 2  
**every other day/week/year etc** ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 1  
**every sense**  
*in every sense* ▶ COMPLETELY 1  
**every side**  
*on all sides/on every side* ▶ AROUND/ROUND 1  
**every so often** ▶ SOMETIMES 1  
**every time** ▶ ALWAYS 1; WHEN 2  
*never fails/can't fail/works every time* ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 3  
**every way/respect/detail**  
*in every way/respect/detail* ▶ COMPLETELY 1  
**everybody**  
*everyone/everybody* ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 1; EVERYONE 1; PERSON/PEOPLE 2  
*for everyone/everybody* ▶ EVERYONE 3  
**everyday** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 1  
**everyone knows** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 9  
**everyone/everybody** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 1; EVERYONE 1; PERSON/PEOPLE 2  
**everything** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 1  
**everything but the kitchen sink** ▶ LOT 3  
**everything going for you**  
*have everything going for you* ▶ ADVANTAGE 5  
**everywhere** ▶ EVERYWHERE 1, 2  
*be everywhere* ▶ COMMON 1  
*here, there and everywhere* ▶ EVERYWHERE 2  
**evict** ▶ LEAVE 16  
**evidence** ▶ COURT/TRIAL 2; PROVE 3; SIGN 5  
*be evidence* ▶ SHOW 8  
**evident**  
*apparent/evident* ▶ OBVIOUS 1  
**evil/wicked** ▶ BAD 5  
**evocative** ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 3  
**evoke** ▶ CAUSE 5; REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 3  
**evolution** ▶ DEVELOP 3  
**evolve** ▶ DEVELOP 1, 4  
*develop from/evolve from* ▶ COME FROM 6  
**ex-** ▶ BEFORE 4  
**ex-husband/ex-wife** ▶ DIVORCE 2; MARRY 13  
**ex-wife**  
*ex-husband/ex-wife* ▶ DIVORCE 2; MARRY 13  
**exacerbate** ▶ WORSE 3  
**exact** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 1, 2  
**exact/precise location** ▶ PLACE 2  
**exacting** ▶ DIFFICULT 2  
**exactly** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 1, 3, 5, 6  
*just like/exactly like* ▶ SAME 2  
*not exactly* ▶ NOT 1  
**exaggerate** ▶ EXAGGERATE 1  
**exaggerated** ▶ EXAGGERATE 2  
**exaggeration** ▶ EXAGGERATE 2

**exam** ▶ TEST 1  
*oral exam* ▶ TEST 1  
*set sb a test/an exam* ▶ TEST 5  
**examination** ▶ EXAMINE 3, 4  
*physical (examination)* ▶ EXAMINE 4  
**examine** ▶ EXAMINE 1, 2; LOOK 1; TEST 5  
**examiner** ▶ TEST 6  
**example** ▶ COPY 9; EXAMPLE 1  
*be a good/excellent/perfect etc example* ▶ TYPICAL 3  
*be an example to* ▶ GOOD 8  
*follow sb's example* ▶ COPY 6  
*for example/for instance* ▶ EXAMPLE 3  
*give (sb) an example* ▶ EXAMPLE 2  
*set a bad example/be a bad example* ▶ BAD 12  
*set an example* ▶ COPY 9  
*textbook case/example* ▶ TYPICAL 1  
**exasperation** ▶ ANGRY 14  
**excavate** ▶ DIG 1, 2  
**exceed** ▶ MORE 3  
**excel** ▶ DO/NOT DO 11  
**excellent** ▶ GOOD 2, 3, 4; GOOD AT 2  
**except** ▶ EXCEPT 1  
*only/except* ▶ BUT 1  
**except/except for** ▶ EXCEPT 1  
**excepted** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 7  
**exception** ▶ EXCEPT 2  
*make an exception* ▶ LET/ALLOW 7  
*take exception to* ▶ OFFEND 2  
*with the exception of* ▶ EXCEPT 1  
*without exception* ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 1  
**exceptional** ▶ GOOD 4; UNUSUAL 1, 2  
**exceptionally**  
*remarkably/exceptionally* ▶ VERY 2  
**excerpt** ▶ PART 3  
**excess** ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 4  
*an excess of* ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 2  
*in excess of* ▶ MORE 2  
*to excess* ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 3  
**excessive** ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 2  
**exchange** ▶ ARGUE 4; EACH OTHER 1; EXCHANGE 1, 2  
*in exchange/in return* ▶ EXCHANGE 3  
**excitable** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 2  
**excite** ▶ CAUSE 5; EXCITED/EXCITING 3, 9  
**excited** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 1; SEX 10  
*be/get excited about sth* ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/UNENTHUSIASTIC 1  
*get sb excited* ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 3  
**excitement** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 6, 7  
*be buzzing (with excitement)* ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 1  
**exciting** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 4  
**exclaim** ▶ SAY 7  
**exclude** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 6; LEAVE 21; TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 10  
**exclusive** ▶ EXPENSIVE 3; NEWS 3; ONLY 5  
**exclusive of sth** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 7  
**exclusively** ▶ ONLY 1  
**excruciating** ▶ EMBARRASSED/EMBARRASSING 2  
*agonizing/excruciating* ▶ PAIN 4



**excursion** ▶ TRAVEL 10  
**excuse** ▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 1; LET/ALLOW 7; REASON 3  
*be no excuse/justification* ▶ REASON 8  
**excuse me** ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 2  
**excuse me/pardon me** ▶ ASK 10  
**execute** ▶ DO/NOT DO 2; KILL 7  
**executive** ▶ GOVERNMENT 2; MANAGER 1  
**exemplify** ▶ EXAMPLE 1  
**exempt** ▶ LET/ALLOW 7  
**exercise** ▶ EXERCISE 1, 2, 3; PRACTISE/PRACTICE 2; USE 2  
*do exercise* ▶ EXERCISE 1  
*get exercise* ▶ EXERCISE 1  
**exhale** ▶ BREATHE 3  
**exhaust** ▶ FINISH 12; TIRED/TIRING 6  
**exhaust yourself**  
*tire yourself out/wear yourself out/exhaust yourself* ▶ TIRED/TIRING 5  
**exhausted** ▶ FINISH 13; TIRED/TIRING 1  
**exhausting** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 7  
**exhaustion** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 8  
**exhaustive** ▶ COMPLETE/NOT COMPLETE 2  
**exhibit** ▶ SHOW 4, 13  
**exhibition** ▶ ART/CULTURE 8  
**exhibition/show** ▶ SHOW 5  
**exhibitionist** ▶ SHOW OFF 2  
**exhilarated** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 1  
**exhilarating** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 4  
**exhilaration** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 6  
**exile/send into exile** ▶ LEAVE 18  
**exist** ▶ EXIST 1  
*cease to exist* ▶ DISAPPEAR 4  
*no longer exist/not exist any more* ▶ EXIST 3  
*not exist* ▶ EXIST 2  
**existence** ▶ EXIST 1; LIFE 2  
*come into being/existence* ▶ START 11  
*eke out a living/an existence* ▶ SURVIVE 4  
**existing** ▶ NOW 4  
**exodus** ▶ LEAVE 17  
**exonerate/clear** ▶ BLAME 5  
**exorbitant/extortionate** ▶ EXPENSIVE 4  
**expand** ▶ BIG 9, 10; INCREASE 1, 8  
**expand on/enlarge on** ▶ DETAIL 7  
**expanse** ▶ AREA 5  
**expatriate** ▶ FOREIGN 2  
**expect** ▶ EXPECT 1  
*I expect* ▶ EXPECT 2  
*just what you'd expect* ▶ TYPICAL 2  
*lead sb to expect* ▶ EXPECT 4  
*the last person/thing/place (that) you would expect* ▶ EXPECT 8  
**expectancy**  
*life expectancy* ▶ LIFE 1  
**expectant** ▶ WAIT 6  
**expectant mother** ▶ BABY 7  
**expectation**  
*in expectation/anticipation of* ▶ EXPECT 3  
*my expectation is* ▶ EXPECT 2  
**expectations**  
*come up to sb's standards/expectations etc* ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 2  
*contrary to expectations* ▶ EXPECT 8  
*not live up to (sb's) expectations* ▶ DISAPPOINTED 2  
*raise/arouse expectations* ▶ EXPECT 4

**expected** ▶ EXPECT 9  
*as expected* ▶ EXPECT 7  
*be expected to do sth* ▶ SHOULD/ OUGHT TO 1  
*be only to be expected* ▶ EXPECT 7  
**expecting**  
*be expecting* ▶ BABY 7  
**expedition** ▶ TRAVEL 9  
**expel** ▶ LEAVE 18, 21, 24  
**expend** ▶ USE 16  
**expenditure**  
*spending/expenditure* ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 9  
**expense**  
*at the expense of sth* ▶ HARM 1  
*go to great expense* ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 2  
*spare no expense* ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 2  
**expenses** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 9  
**expensive** ▶ EXPENSIVE 1, 3  
*prohibitive/prohibitively expensive* ▶ EXPENSIVE 4  
**experience** ▶ EXPERIENCE 1, 3; EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 2; FEEL 1, 6; HAPPEN 3  
*bad/terrible/dreadful etc experience* ▶ EXPERIENCE 2  
*have youth/experience etc on your side* ▶ ADVANTAGE 5  
*know/learn from experience* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 1  
*lack experience* ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 3  
*lack of experience* ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 4  
**experienced** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 1, 5  
**experiment** ▶ TEST 9  
*do a test/experiment* ▶ TEST 10  
**experiment on** ▶ TEST 11  
**experiment with** ▶ TRY 8  
**expert** ▶ GOOD AT 3; KNOW/NOT KNOW 4  
*be no expert/genius/Einstein etc* ▶ NOT 2  
**expertise** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 10  
**expire** ▶ FINISH 9  
**explain** ▶ EXPLAIN 1; REASON 4, 6  
*let me explain* ▶ EXPLAIN 2  
**explain away** ▶ REASON 6  
**explanation** ▶ EXPLAIN 4; REASON 1, 3  
*find an explanation* ▶ SOLVE 5  
*provide an explanation/come up with an explanation* ▶ REASON 6  
**explicit** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 1  
*be more specific/be more explicit* ▶ DETAIL 7  
**explode** ▶ EXPLODE 3; PROVE 2  
**explode/go off** ▶ EXPLODE 1  
**exploit** ▶ PROFIT 7; USE 2, 5, 20  
**exploits** ▶ DO/NOT DO 7  
**explore** ▶ TRAVEL 8  
**explosion** ▶ EXPLODE 5; INCREASE 12  
**explosives** ▶ EXPLODE 6  
*plant a bomb/explosives etc* ▶ PUT 1  
**export** ▶ SELL 1, 7  
**expose** ▶ SHOW 1; TELL 11  
**express** ▶ EXPRESS 1; SAY 1  
*can't express* ▶ EXPRESS 4  
**express yourself** ▶ EXPRESS 2

**expression** ▶ EXPRESSION ON SB'S FACE 1; WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 1  
**expressionless** ▶ EXPRESSION ON SB'S FACE 3  
**expressive** ▶ EXPRESS 2; EXPRESSION ON SB'S FACE 2  
**expressly** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 1  
**expressway** ▶ ROAD/PATH 3  
**exquisite** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 5  
**exquisitely** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 8  
**extend** ▶ BIG 10; INCREASE 8; LONG 3, 12; REACH 1  
**extend over** ▶ LAST 5; SIZE 3  
**extend/stretch** ▶ DISTANCE 2  
**extension** ▶ ADD 6  
**extensive** ▶ LOT 8  
**extent** ▶ AMOUNT 6; SIZE 1  
*to a greater extent/degree* ▶ MORE 6  
*to some extent/to a certain extent/up to a point* ▶ PARTLY 1  
**exterior**  
*the exterior* ▶ OUT/OUTSIDE 7  
**exterminate** ▶ KILL 3  
**external** ▶ OUT/OUTSIDE 6, 9  
**extinct** ▶ EXIST 3  
*become extinct* ▶ DISAPPEAR 4  
**extinction** ▶ DISAPPEAR 4  
**extinguish** ▶ BURN 4; FIRE 5; SMOKING 6  
**extort** ▶ GET 10; THREATEN 2  
**extortionate**  
*exorbitant/extortionate* ▶ EXPENSIVE 4  
**extra** ▶ ADD 6; ANOTHER 1; MORE 1  
**extra large** ▶ BIG 2  
**extract** ▶ FIND OUT 5; PART 3; REMOVE 1  
**extraction** ▶ REMOVE 6  
**extradite** ▶ LEAVE 18  
**extraordinary** ▶ UNUSUAL 1, 2  
**extravagant** ▶ EXAGGERATE 2; SPEND MONEY/TIME 6  
**extreme** ▶ EXTREME 1  
*go to the opposite extreme/go from one extreme to the other* ▶ OPPOSITE 2  
**extremely** ▶ VERY 2  
**extremes**  
*go to extremes* ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 3  
**extremist** ▶ EXTREME 1, 2  
**extricate yourself** ▶ ESCAPE 6  
**extrovert** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 1; FRIENDLY 2  
**eye** ▶ LOOK 2  
*be in the public eye* ▶ FAMOUS 2  
*catch sb's eye* ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 1  
*have a good eye for* ▶ TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 3  
*keep an eye on* ▶ LOOK AFTER 1, 7; WATCH 3, 4  
*there's more to sb/sth than meets the eye* ▶ SEEM 4  
*turn a blind eye* ▶ IGNORE 3  
**eye to eye**  
*not see eye to eye* ▶ DISAGREE 1  
**eye up** ▶ LOOK 7  
**eye-catching** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 4  
**eyes**  
*avert your eyes/gaze* ▶ LOOK 8  
*before your (very) eyes* ▶ SEE 3  
*bring tears to sb's eyes/bring a lump to sb's throat* ▶ CRY 4



can do sth with your eyes shut/  
standing on your head/blindfolded  
▶ EASY 4  
can hardly/can barely/can't keep your  
eyes open ▶ TIRED/TIRING 2  
can't take your eyes off ▶ WATCH 3  
dry your eyes/tears ▶ CRY 5  
gouge sb's eyes out ▶ CUT 7  
have eyes in the back of your head  
▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 3  
keep your eyes on ▶ ATTENTION 1  
keep your eyes open/peeled  
▶ WATCH 7  
make eyes at ▶ LOOK 7  
not take your eyes off ▶ WATCH 2  
open your eyes ▶ OPEN 6  
pull the wool over sb's eyes ▶ TRICK/  
DECEIVE 1  
sb's eyes glaze over ▶ BORING/  
BORED 5  
screw up your eyes ▶ LOOK 5  
set eyes on ▶ SEE 1  
shut/close your eyes to ▶ IGNORE 3  
your eyes water ▶ CRY 1

**eyesight** ▶ SEE 13

**eyesore**

an eyesore ▶ UGLY 3

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**fable** ▶ STORY 2

**fabric** ▶ MATERIAL 2

**fabricate** ▶ LIE 5

**fabrication** ▶ UNTRUE 3

**face** ▶ DEAL WITH 5; OPPOSITE 6;  
PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 2;  
SURFACE 1

be staring sb in the face ▶ OBVIOUS 2

be written all over sb's face

▶ OBVIOUS 2

can't look sb in the face/not be able to  
look sb in the face ▶ ASHAMED 1

cut off your nose to spite your face

▶ HARM 2

egg on your face ▶ EMBARRASSED/  
EMBARRASSING 1

fall flat on your face ▶ FALL 1

keep a straight face ▶ LAUGH 6;  
SERIOUS 8

let's face it ▶ ADMIT 6

lose face ▶ ASHAMED 2

on the face of it ▶ SEEM 2

put on a brave face/put up a brave  
front ▶ HIDE 7

sb's face lights up ▶ SMILE 1

till you're blue in the face

▶ USELESS 5

to sb's face ▶ PERSONALLY/  
YOURSELF 2

turn your face away ▶ LOOK 8

**face down** ▶ DOWN 1

**face the music** ▶ PUNISH 6

**face to face** ▶ OPPOSITE 6;  
PERSONALLY/YOURSELF 2

**face up to** ▶ DEAL WITH 5

**face value**

take/accept sth at face value

▶ BELIEVE 1

**face-up** ▶ UP 2

**faced** ▶ EXPRESSION ON SB'S FACE 1

**faced with**

be faced with ▶ PROBLEM 6

**facetious** ▶ JOKE 6

**facilitate** ▶ EASY 6

**facilities** ▶ PUBLIC SERVICES 1

**facsimile** ▶ COPY 4

**fact** ▶ INFORMATION 1; TRUE 7

actually/as a matter of fact/in fact

▶ ACTUALLY 3

in fact ▶ ACTUALLY 1

it is a fact ▶ TRUE 1

the truth/fact is ▶ ACTUALLY 1

wake up to the fact that ▶ REALIZE 1

you can't escape the fact that

▶ ADMIT 6

**faction** ▶ GROUP 7

**factor** ▶ CAUSE 10; PART 6

**facts**

stick to the facts ▶ TRUE 5

**faculties** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 4

**faculty** ▶ TEACH 5

**fad**

craze/fad ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
FASHIONABLE 6

**fade** ▶ COLOUR 9

the light fades ▶ DARK 2

**fade away** ▶ DISAPPEAR 2, 3;

QUIET 5; STOP 15

**faded** ▶ COLOUR 4

**fading**

hopes are fading ▶ HOPE 8

**fail** ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 4;

EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 4;

FAIL 1, 2, 6, 7, 8; TEST 8

never fails/can't fail/works every time

▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 3

not impress/fail to impress

▶ IMPRESS 5

without fail ▶ ALWAYS 1

**fail to do sth** ▶ DO/NOT DO 13

**fail to notice** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 2

**failing that** ▶ IF 4

**failure** ▶ FAIL 1, 2

be a failure ▶ FAIL 2, 5

**faint** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 8; QUIET 3;  
UNCONSCIOUS 2

feel faint ▶ ILL/SICK 5

**faintest idea**

not have the faintest/slightest/foggiest  
idea ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 12

**fair** ▶ COLOUR 4; FAIR 1, 2

fair's fair ▶ FAIR 1

play fair ▶ FAIR 1

unfair/not fair ▶ UNFAIR 1

**fair amount**

quite a bit/a fair amount ▶ LOT 1, 10

**fair play** ▶ FAIR 4

**fair size**

be a fair size ▶ BIG 3

**fair way**

a fair way/quite a way/a good way

▶ FAR 1

**fair's fair** ▶ FAIR 1

**fair-minded** ▶ FAIR 2

**fairly** ▶ FAIRLY/QUITE 1

**fairness** ▶ FAIR 4

**fairy** ▶ MAGIC 2

**faith** ▶ BELIEVE 8; RELIGION 1, 3;

TRUST/NOT TRUST 3

blind faith ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 3

faith-based/faith ▶ RELIGION 4

**faith-based/faith** ▶ RELIGION 4

**faithful** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 2;

LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 1; SEX 8

**faithfully**

Yours faithfully ▶ LETTER 3

**fake** ▶ ARTIFICIAL 2; COPY 5;

FALSE 1, 2

**faking**

be faking it ▶ PRETEND 1

**fall** ▶ DARK 2; DOWN 2, 8; FALL 1, 3, 4

drop/fall ▶ COLD 9; REDUCE 7

have a fall ▶ FALL 1

take the fall ▶ BLAME 2

**fall about** ▶ LAUGH 4

**fall apart/come apart** ▶ BREAK 6

**fall asleep** ▶ SLEEP 3

**fall down** ▶ FALL 3

**fall flat on your face** ▶ FALL 1

**fall for** ▶ BELIEVE 2; LOVE 2; TRICK/  
DECEIVE 2

**fall guy** ▶ BLAME 3

**fall ill** ▶ ILL/SICK 6

**fall in** ▶ FALL 3

**fall in love** ▶ LOVE 2

**fall in with** ▶ AGREE 2; FRIEND 5

**fall into conversation/strike up a  
conversation** ▶ TALK 3

**fall into disrepair** ▶ CONDITION 6

**fall into disuse** ▶ USE 14

**fall into place** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 6

**fall into the trap of doing sth**  
▶ MISTAKE 5

**fall off** ▶ FALL 4, 5

**fall on deaf ears** ▶ IGNORE 1

**fall on your feet** ▶ LUCKY 1

**fall out** ▶ DISAGREE 2; FRIEND 8

**fall out with** ▶ ARGUE 1

**fall over** ▶ FALL 3

**fall over/down** ▶ FALL 1

**fall silent** ▶ QUIET 5; TALK 14

**fall through** ▶ FAIL 2

**fall to bits/pieces** ▶ BREAK 6

**fall/be head-over-heels (in love)**  
▶ LOVE 2

**fall/decrease/go down in value**  
▶ VALUE 6

**fall/drop** ▶ LESS 5

**fall/drop behind** ▶ SLOW 5

**fallacy** ▶ BELIEVE 9

**falling apart**

be falling apart ▶ CONDITION 4

**falling-out**

have a falling-out ▶ RELATIONSHIP 3

**false** ▶ ARTIFICIAL 2; FALSE 1;  
PRETEND 5; UNTRUE 1; WRONG 2  
under false pretences ▶ TRICK/  
DECEIVE 7

**false name** ▶ NAME 3

**false start** ▶ START 9

**falsehood** ▶ LIE 4

**falsify** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 10

**fame** ▶ FAMOUS 4

rise to fame/shoot to fame/win fame  
(as) ▶ FAMOUS 3

**familiar** ▶ FRIENDLY 5; RECOGNIZE 2;  
USED TO/ACCUSTOMED TO 2

not be familiar with/be unfamiliar  
with ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 13

**familiar with**

be familiar with ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 2

**familiarize yourself with** ▶ LEARN 1

**family** ▶ FAMILY 1, 2, 6

run in the family ▶ FAMILY 2

**family member/member of the  
family** ▶ FAMILY 3

**family name** ▶ NAME 1



**family planning***birth control/family planning*

▶ BABY 11

**famine** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 6**famished***starving/ravenous/famished*

▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 1

**famous** ▶ FAMOUS 1*become famous/well known*

▶ FAMOUS 3

**fan** ▶ LIKE 5; SPORT/GAME 11**fan out** ▶ SPREAD 6**fanatic** ▶ EXTREME 2**fancy** ▶ DECORATE 4; EXPENSIVE 3;

LOVE 1; SEX 11; WANT/NOT WANT 1

*nothing fancy* ▶ SIMPLE 5*take your fancy* ▶ WANT/NOT

WANT 1

**fantasize** ▶ IMAGINE 2**fantastic***marvellous/wonderful/fantastic/**terrific* ▶ GOOD 1*terrific/fantastic* ▶ GOOD 3**fantasy** ▶ IMAGINE 4**FAQ,***FAQ,faq* ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/

EMAIL 8

**far** ▶ FAR 1*be few and far between* ▶ RARE/

RARELY 1

*go too far/take sth too far* ▶ TOO/TOO

MUCH 3

*how far* ▶ DISTANCE 1*not far* ▶ NEAR 1*so far* ▶ NOW 3*will go far/will go a long way*

▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 9

**far afield** ▶ FAR 1**far away** ▶ FAR 1**far cry***be a far cry from* ▶ DIFFERENT 2**far off/away***a long way off/far off/far away*

▶ FAR 2

**far-fetched** ▶ BELIEVE 6**far-flung** ▶ FAR 3**far-left/far-right** ▶ EXTREME 1**far-off***distant/far-off* ▶ FAR 3**far-reaching** ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 6**faraway** ▶ FAR 3**fare** ▶ COST 1; FOOD 2**farewell** ▶ LEAVE 25*bid sb farewell* ▶ GOODBYE 3**fascinate** ▶ INTERESTED 3**fascinated** ▶ INTERESTED 1**fascinating** ▶ INTERESTING 1, 4, 5**fascination** ▶ OBSESSION 1*have a fascination with/for*

▶ INTERESTED 1

**fashion** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT

FASHIONABLE 6, 7; MAKE 1

*be in fashion* ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT

FASHIONABLE 2

*be the fashion* ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT

FASHIONABLE 2

*come into fashion* ▶ FASHIONABLE/

NOT FASHIONABLE 3

*in a ... fashion* ▶ WAY 8*out of fashion* ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT

FASHIONABLE 8

**fashion victim** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT

FASHIONABLE 5

**fashionable** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT

FASHIONABLE 1, 5

**fast** ▶ EAT 9; FAST 1, 2, 3; TIGHT 3*go fast/quickly* ▶ TIME 23*thick and fast* ▶ LOT 7**fasten** ▶ ATTACH 1; FASTEN/

UNFASTEN 1; JOIN 1

**faster***go faster* ▶ FAST 5**fat** ▶ FAT 1, 4; THICK 1**fat cat** ▶ RICH 4**fatal** ▶ DIE 8; KILL 10**fatalities** ▶ DIE 6**fate** ▶ CHANCE 1; FUTURE 4*tempt fate* ▶ RISK 4**fated***be fated to do sth* ▶ CERTAINLY/

DEFINITELY 5

**father** ▶ FATHER 1, 2*become a father* ▶ FATHER 2*the father of sth* ▶ INVENT 2**fatherhood** ▶ FATHER 2**fatherly** ▶ FATHER 3**fatigue** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 8**fatten sb up** ▶ FAT 7**fatten up** ▶ FAT 8**fattening** ▶ FAT 7**fatty/fatso** ▶ FAT 1**fault** ▶ FAULT 1, 2*be at fault* ▶ FAULT 3*be not sb's fault* ▶ FAULT 4*be sb's fault* ▶ FAULT 3*can't fault* ▶ PERFECT 1*find fault with* ▶ CRITICIZE 4*say it's sb's fault* ▶ BLAME 1*through no fault of your own*

▶ FAULT 4

**faultless***flawless/faultless* ▶ PERFECT 1**faux pas** ▶ MISTAKE 4**favour** ▶ ADVANTAGE 6; PREFER 1;

UNFAIR 1

*(would/could you) do me a favour?*

▶ ASK 10

*ask a favour* ▶ ASK 16*be all for/be all in favour of*

▶ APPROVE 2

*be in favour* ▶ POPULAR 1*be in favour of* ▶ SUPPORT 1*be in sb's favour* ▶ ADVANTAGE 6*come down in favour of* ▶ DECIDE 1*do sb a favour* ▶ HELP 1*in favour of* ▶ INSTEAD 1*out of favour* ▶ POPULAR 5*the odds are stacked in sb's favour*

▶ ADVANTAGE 5

**favourable** ▶ PRAISE 7*be favourable for/to* ▶ HELP 3**favourite** ▶ FAVOURITE 1, 2*be (the) favourite* ▶ WIN 8**favouritism** ▶ UNFAIR 4**fax** ▶ SEND 1**fazed***unfazed/not fazed* ▶ CALM 1**fear** ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 2, 8

*for fear of sth* ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 2

*live in fear* ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 1

**fear of heights** ▶ HIGH 6**fear the worst** ▶ EXPECT 6**fearful***be fearful* ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 2

**fearless** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 2**feasible** ▶ POSSIBLE 1**feast** ▶ MEAL 8**feat** ▶ DO/NOT DO 7**feature** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 5;

CHARACTER 6; PART 6

*distinguishing feature/mark/**characteristic* ▶ DIFFERENT 7*redeeming feature* ▶ ADVANTAGE 2*saving grace/redeeming feature*

▶ GOOD ENOUGH 3

**featureless** ▶ BORING/BORED 2**fed up** ▶ BORING/BORED 5; FED UP 1;

SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 6

**federal** ▶ COUNTRY 11; PUBLIC 2**federation** ▶ ORGANIZATION 4**fee** ▶ COST 1; EARN 8**feeble** ▶ WEAK 1**feed** ▶ EAT 1; FOOD 3, 4; MEAL 1**feed up** ▶ FOOD 4**feedback** ▶ REACT 3**feel** ▶ FEEL 3; INSTINCT 1; KNOW/NOT

KNOW 11; THINK 8; TOUCH 1, 5

*can't feel anything* ▶ FEEL 5*I can still hear/see/feel etc*

▶ REMEMBER 4

*not feel a thing* ▶ PAIN 5**feel around** ▶ LOOK FOR 6**feel for** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 1**feel free** ▶ LET/ALLOW 3**feel like** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 1*not feel like doing sth* ▶ WANT/NOT

WANT 9

*not feel like/not want anything*

▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 2

**feel sorry for** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 1**feel sorry for yourself** ▶ SAD 6**feel sth in your bones** ▶ PREDICT 2**feel the heat/cold** ▶ FEEL 4**feel yourself again***be/feel yourself again* ▶ RECOVER 5**feel-good** ▶ HAPPY 9**feel/be** ▶ FEEL 1, 6**feeling** ▶ FEEL 2, 7; INSTINCT 1*get the impression/feeling/idea*

▶ THINK 12

*have a feeling/get the feeling*

▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 11

*have no feeling* ▶ FEEL 5*with feeling* ▶ FEEL 9**feelings** ▶ OPINION 1*have mixed feelings* ▶ SURE/NOT

SURE 4

*hurt sb's feelings* ▶ UPSET 2*no hard feelings* ▶ FORGIVE/NOT

FORGIVE 2

**feelings run high** ▶ ANGRY 5**feels***know how sb feels* ▶ UNDERSTAND/

NOT UNDERSTAND 2

**feet***be back on your feet (again)*

▶ RECOVER 3

*be dead on your feet/be ready to drop*

▶ TIRED/TIRING 1

*be on your feet* ▶ STAND 1*be rushed/run off your feet* ▶ BUSY/

NOT BUSY 1

*drag your feet* ▶ WILLING 3*fall on your feet* ▶ LUCKY 1



*find your feet* ▶ USED TO/  
ACCUSTOMED TO 4

*get cold feet* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 24

*get to your feet* ▶ STAND 2

*itchy feet* ▶ TRAVEL 14

*put your feet up* ▶ REST 1

*stand on your own two feet*  
▶ INDEPENDENT 3

*sweep sb off their feet* ▶ LOVE 2

**feisty** ▶ DETERMINED 2

**fell** ▶ CUT 6

**fellow** ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 5

**felon** ▶ CRIME 3

**felony** ▶ CRIME 1

**female** ▶ WOMAN 2, 4

**feminine** ▶ WOMAN 4

**feminism** ▶ WOMAN 5

**feminist** ▶ WOMAN 5

**fend for yourself** ▶ INDEPENDENT 3

**ferocious** ▶ VIOLENT 1, 3

**ferocity** ▶ VIOLENT 5

**fertile** ▶ BABY 12; GROW 6

**fervent** ▶ STRONG 6

**fess up** ▶ ADMIT 1

**festival** ▶ MUSIC 7

**festooned**

*be festooned with* ▶ DECORATE 2

**fetch** ▶ COST 2; TAKE 3

**fetish** ▶ OBSESSION 1

**fetus/foetus** ▶ BABY 3

**feud** ▶ ARGUE 4

**fever** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 6

**fever pitch**

*be at/reach fever pitch* ▶ EXCITED/  
EXCITING 1

**feverish** ▶ HOT 5; HURRY 4

**few**

*a few* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 1; SOME/  
SEVERAL 1

*quite a few* ▶ LOT 2

*too little/few* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT  
ENOUGH 5

**few and far between**

*be few and far between* ▶ RARE/  
RARELY 1

**few/very few** ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 2

**fewer** ▶ LESS 1

**fewest**

*the fewest* ▶ LEAST 2

**fiancé/fiancée** ▶ MARRY 6

**fiancée**

*fiancé/fiancée* ▶ MARRY 6

**fiasco**

*be a fiasco* ▶ FAIL 5

**fib** ▶ LIE 3, 4

**fibber** ▶ LIE 6

**fibs**

*tell fibs* ▶ LIE 3

**fickle** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 26

**fiction** ▶ BOOKS 2; STORY 1;  
UNTRUE 3

**fiddle** ▶ CHEAT 1, 5

**fiddle with** ▶ HOLD 4; TOUCH 1

**fiddly** ▶ DIFFICULT 4

**fidget** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 4

**field** ▶ AREA 9; LAND/GROUND 1;  
SPORT/GAME 7; SUBJECT 3

*the field (of battle)* ▶ WAR 5

**fierce** ▶ VIOLENT 3

**fiery** ▶ TASTE 6

**fifty-fifty**

*there's a fifty-fifty chance*

▶ UNCERTAIN 3

**fight** ▶ ARGUE 1; COMPETE WITH 2;

FIGHT 1, 4, 6, 7, 9; VOTE 7; WAR 2

*battle/fight* ▶ COMPETE WITH 3

*be looking/spoiling for a fight/itching  
for a fight* ▶ FIGHT 2

*have a fight* ▶ ARGUE 1; FIGHT 1

*pick a fight* ▶ ARGUE 3; FIGHT 2

*put up a fight* ▶ FIGHT 8

*start a fight* ▶ FIGHT 2

**fight back** ▶ FIGHT 8

**fight back tears** ▶ CRY 3

**fight/fight against** ▶ FIGHT 8

**fighter**

*freedom fighter* ▶ REBELLION/  
REVOLUTION 4

**fighting** ▶ FIGHT 5; WAR 1

**figment of your imagination**

▶ IMAGINE 3

**figure** ▶ BODY 2; COUNT/

CALCULATE 2; MONEY 4;

NUMBER 1, 2; SHAPE 1; THINK 8

*ballpark figure* ▶ ABOUT/  
APPROXIMATELY 5

**figure of speech** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/  
SENTENCE 1

**figure on/reckon on** ▶ EXPECT 3

**figure out**

*work out/figure out* ▶ ANSWER 10

**figure out/work out** ▶ SOLVE 5

**figure prominently in/be**

**prominent in** ▶ IMPORTANT 8

**figure/work out** ▶ UNDERSTAND/  
NOT UNDERSTAND 6

**figurehead** ▶ LEADER 1

**file** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
EMAIL 2; INFORMATION 2; KEEP 6

*keep sth on file* ▶ KEEP 6

**fill** ▶ CROWD 3; FULL 2, 3

**fill a need** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 7

**fill in sth/fill out sth** ▶ WRITE 9

**fill out** ▶ FAT 6

**fill sb in** ▶ TELL 3

**fill up** ▶ FULL 2, 3

**filled with sth** ▶ FULL 1

**filling** ▶ FOOD 6

**film** ▶ COVER 5; FILM/MOVIE 1

**film star** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 1

**filthy** ▶ DIRTY 2; SEX 17

**filthy rich**

*stinking/filthy rich* ▶ RICH 2

**final** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 31;  
END 3; LAST 1

**final/midterm** ▶ TEST 1

**finale** ▶ END 2

**finalize** ▶ AGREE 4; FINISH 2

**finally** ▶ LAST 4

**finally/eventually/in the end**  
▶ FINALLY 1

**finals** ▶ TEST 1

**finance** ▶ MONEY 9, 14

**finance/back** ▶ PAY 11

**finances** ▶ MONEY 6

**financial** ▶ MONEY 14

**find** ▶ FIND 1, 2, 4, 5; FIND OUT 1;  
GET 1

*be a real find* ▶ FIND 7

*be difficult to find/hard to find*

▶ FIND 3

*can't find* ▶ LOSE 1

*try to find* ▶ LOOK FOR 1, 2

**find an explanation** ▶ SOLVE 5

**find fault with** ▶ CRITICIZE 4

**find out** ▶ FIND OUT 1, 2, 5

**find sb guilty/convict** ▶ GUILTY 5

**find sb not guilty** ▶ INNOCENT 3

**find sth difficult** ▶ DIFFICULT 10

**find sth interesting** ▶ INTERESTED 1

**find your feet** ▶ USED TO/  
ACCUSTOMED TO 4

**find your way** ▶ FIND 4; WAY 10

**find your way around** ▶ USED TO/  
ACCUSTOMED TO 4

**find yourself in/at etc** ▶ ARRIVE 4

**find/come up with a solution**

▶ SOLVE 1

**find/consider sth satisfactory**

▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 1

**find/discover** ▶ FIND 6

**find/get up/pluck up the courage**

**to do sth** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 5

**finding** ▶ FIND OUT 9

**fine** ▶ GOOD 2, 6; HEALTHY/

UNHEALTHY 1; PAY 13; PUNISH 1, 4;

THIN 10; WEATHER 4

*be a fine figure of a man*

▶ BEAUTIFUL 2

*cut it fine* ▶ ON TIME 3

**fine art** ▶ ART/CULTURE 1

**fine-tune** ▶ IMPROVE 3

**finest** ▶ BEST 1

**finger**

*can wrap/twist sb round your little*

*finger* ▶ CONTROL/NOT

CONTROL 5

*have your finger on the pulse*

▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 5

*hit the nail on the head/put your finger*

*on it* ▶ RIGHT 2

*not lift a finger* ▶ HELP 8; LAZY 3

*point the finger at* ▶ ACCUSE 1

*pull/get your finger out* ▶ WORK  
HARD 7

**fingerprints/prints** ▶ MARK 4

**fingers**

*be able to count sth on (the fingers of)*

*one hand* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 2

*catch sb with their fingers in the till*

▶ CATCH 3

*have green fingers* ▶ GROW 3

*have your fingers in the till* ▶ STEAL 4

*keep your fingers crossed* ▶ HOPE 1;

LUCKY 6

*let sth slip through your fingers*

▶ CHANCE 6

*work your fingers to the bone* ▶ WORK

HARD 2

**finish** ▶ EAT 6; FINISH 1, 12; STOP 1

*end/finish with* ▶ END 3

*not finish* ▶ FINISH 14

**finish off** ▶ FINISH 2

**finish off/up** ▶ EAT 6; FINISH 4

**finish with** ▶ FINISH 3

**finish work** ▶ STOP 7

**finish/end** ▶ FINISH 4

**finished** ▶ FINISH 5

*be finished* ▶ FINISH 13

*be nearly finished/done/through*

▶ FINISH 2

*get sth finished* ▶ FINISH 1

*not finished/unfinished* ▶ FINISH 11

**finishing touches**

*put the finishing touch/touches to*

▶ FINISH 2

**finite** ▶ LIMIT 5



**fire** ▶ FIRE 1, 2, 3; LEAVE 23;  
SHOOT 1, 5  
*a fire risk/health risk*  
▶ DANGEROUS 2  
*be on fire* ▶ BURN 6  
*be playing with fire* ▶ RISK 4  
*be under attack/fire* ▶ CRITICIZE 3  
*catch fire* ▶ BURN 7  
*light a fire* ▶ FIRE 4  
*make/build a fire* ▶ FIRE 4  
*open fire* ▶ SHOOT 1  
*play with fire* ▶ DANGEROUS 4  
*set fire to sth/set sth on fire* ▶ BURN 3  
*start a fire* ▶ FIRE 4  
*under fire* ▶ SHOOT 3

**fire brigade**  
*the fire brigade* ▶ FIRE 6

**fire sb with enthusiasm**  
▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/  
UNENTHUSIASTIC 4

**fire/shoot questions at** ▶ ASK 3

**firefighter** ▶ FIRE 6

**fireman** ▶ FIRE 6

**fireproof** ▶ BURN 10

**firing line**  
*be in the firing line* ▶ BLAME 2;  
CRITICIZE 3

**firm** ▶ COMPANY 1; HARD 1, 2;  
STRICT/NOT STRICT 1  
*stand firm* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 28

**firm believer**  
*be a great/firm believer in*  
▶ APPROVE 2

**firm/tone up** ▶ EXERCISE 2

**firmly** ▶ TIGHT 3

**first** ▶ BEFORE 1; FIRST 1  
*a first* ▶ FIRST 6  
*at first/initially* ▶ BEGINNING 2  
*be first/come first/finish first*  
▶ FIRST 2  
*be first/second etc* ▶ POSITION/  
RANK 8  
*be the first to do sth* ▶ FIRST 5  
*be the first/be first* ▶ BEFORE 8  
*come first* ▶ BEFORE 7  
*do sth first* ▶ BEFORE 8  
*finish first/be first/come in first*  
▶ WIN 1  
*firstly/first* ▶ FIRST 3  
*in the first place* ▶ FIRST 3

**first and foremost** ▶ MAIN 4

**first choice** ▶ FAVOURITE 1

**first hand**  
*see first hand* ▶ SEE 1

**first language**  
*sb's first language* ▶ LANGUAGE 3

**first move**  
*make the first move* ▶ START 3

**first name** ▶ NAME 1

**first of all** ▶ FIRST 1, 3

**first part**  
*the first part* ▶ BEGINNING 6

**first place** ▶ WIN 1

**first principles** ▶ BASIC 3

**first sight**  
*love at first sight* ▶ LOVE 2

**first thing** ▶ EARLY 3

**first time**  
*the first time* ▶ FIRST 1

**first-class** ▶ GOOD 2

**first-generation** ▶ FIRST 6

**first-hand** ▶ PERSONALLY/  
YOURSELF 3

**firstly/first** ▶ FIRST 3

**fiscal** ▶ MONEY 14

**fish around** ▶ LOOK FOR 6

**fish out** ▶ TAKE 10

**fishy** ▶ SUSPECT 2

**fist**  
*shake your fist* ▶ ANGRY 10

**fit** ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 1, 3, 5; PUT 11  
*be a good fit* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 1  
*be fit* ▶ RECOVER 3  
*be fit to live in* ▶ LIVE 7  
*blow your top/hit the roof/go crazy/go nuts/have a fit* ▶ ANGRY 6  
*keep fit* ▶ EXERCISE 1, 3  
*not fit* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 2  
*unfit/not fit* ▶ UNSUITABLE 1

**fit in**  
*not belong/not fit in* ▶ DIFFERENT 4

**fit in with** ▶ CONVENIENT 1

**fit the bill** ▶ SUITABLE 2

**fits and starts**  
*by/in fits and starts* ▶ REGULAR/  
REGULARLY 2

**fits of laughter**  
*gales/fits of laughter* ▶ LAUGH 4

**five**  
*take five* ▶ PAUSE 2

**fix** ▶ ATTACH 1; CHEAT 4; COOK 1;  
JOIN 1; LIMIT 4; REPAIR 1  
*be in a fix* ▶ PROBLEM 7

**fix sb up with** ▶ PROVIDE/SUPPLY 1

**fix/fix up** ▶ ARRANGE 3

**fixation** ▶ OBSESSION 1

**fixed** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 22;  
LIMIT 5  
*have fixed ideas* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 29

**fizz** ▶ SOUND 11

**fizzle out** ▶ STOP 15

**flabbergasted** ▶ SURPRISED/  
SURPRISING 1

**flabby** ▶ FAT 4

**flag** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 5

**flag down** ▶ STOP 13

**flagrant** ▶ OBVIOUS 3

**flair** ▶ GOOD AT 7; STYLE/ELEGANCE 1

**flak**  
*get/take a lot of flak* ▶ CRITICIZE 3

**flake** ▶ PIECE 5

**flake out**  
*crash out/flake out* ▶ SLEEP 3

**flaky** ▶ CRAZY 1

**flamboyant** ▶ SHOW OFF 3

**flame** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
EMAIL 10; FIRE 3  
*old flame* ▶ GIRLFRIEND/  
BOYFRIEND 1; LOVE 6

**flameproof/flame-resistant**  
▶ BURN 10

**flames** ▶ FIRE 1  
*be in flames* ▶ BURN 6  
*burst into flames* ▶ BURN 7  
*go up (in flames)* ▶ BURN 7

**flammable** ▶ BURN 9

**flare up** ▶ BURN 7

**flash** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 1; SHOW 1  
*in a flash* ▶ FAST 3

**flashy** ▶ SHOW OFF 3

**flat** ▶ DRINK 5; FLAT/NOT FLAT 1, 2;  
HOUSE 2  
*and that's flat* ▶ REFUSE 2  
*fall flat on your face* ▶ FALL 1  
*lay sth/sb flat* ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 4  
*roll/press/squash etc sth flat* ▶ FLAT/  
NOT FLAT 3

**flat out** ▶ FAST 1

**flatmate** ▶ LIVE 3

**flatten** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 3; PRESS 2;  
SQUASH 1

**flatten/flatten out** ▶ FLAT/NOT  
FLAT 5

**flattened** ▶ SQUASH 2  
*be flattened* ▶ DESTROY 1

**flatter** ▶ PRAISE 4

**flattering** ▶ SUIT/LOOK GOOD  
TOGETHER 1

**flattery** ▶ PRAISE 5

**flaunt** ▶ SHOW 7

**flavour** ▶ TASTE 1

**flavoured** ▶ TASTE 2

**flaw/weakness** ▶ FAULT 1, 2

**flawed** ▶ PERFECT 5

**flawless/faultless** ▶ PERFECT 1

**fleck** ▶ PIECE 5

**flee** ▶ ESCAPE 1

**fleece** ▶ CHEAT 1, 2

**flesh**  
*in the flesh* ▶ PERSONALLY/  
YOURSELF 2

**flexible** ▶ BEND 4; CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 11, 27

**flick** ▶ THROW 3

**flick through**  
*leaf/flick/thumb through* ▶ READ 3

**flicker** ▶ BURN 6; SHINE/SHINY 1

**flies**  
*as the crow flies* ▶ STRAIGHT 2  
*be dying/dropping like flies* ▶ LOT 7  
*time flies* ▶ TIME 23

**flight** ▶ TRAVEL 9

**flimsy** ▶ THIN 10

**fling** ▶ RELATIONSHIP 5; THROW 1

**flip** ▶ TURN 11  
*toss/flip* ▶ THROW 3

**flippant** ▶ JOKE 6

**flirt** ▶ TALK 9

**float** ▶ ON/ON TOP OF 2; SUGGEST 2

**flog** ▶ SELL 1  
*whip/flog* ▶ HIT 5

**flog sth to death** ▶ TOO/TOO  
MUCH 3

**flood** ▶ ENTER 7; WATER 2; WET 4

**flood in**  
*pour/flood in* ▶ ENTER 7; GET 4

**flood of** ▶ LOT 6

**flooding** ▶ WATER 2  
*come flooding back* ▶ REMIND/MAKE  
SB REMEMBER 3

**floor**  
*the floor* ▶ BOTTOM 3  
*wipe the floor with sb* ▶ BEAT/  
DEFEAT 2

**floorspace** ▶ SPACE 1

**flop/be a flop** ▶ FAIL 5

**floppy** ▶ SOFT 4

**flounce out** ▶ LEAVE 9

**flourish** ▶ SHOW 7

**flout** ▶ DISOBEY 2

**flow** ▶ FLOW 1; PROVIDE/SUPPLY 3

**flowing** ▶ GRACEFUL 1

**fluctuate** ▶ CHANGE/  
NOT CHANGE 2

**fluent** ▶ SPEAK 3

**fluff** ▶ DO/NOT DO 12

**fluffy** ▶ SOFT 2

**fluid** ▶ LIQUID 1

**fluke** ▶ LUCKY 2



- flunk** ▶ FAIL 6; TEST 8
- flunk out** ▶ FAIL 6
- fluorescent** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 3
- flush** ▶ RICH 3
- flutter**  
have a flutter ▶ GAMBLING 1
- flux**  
be in flux/be in a state of flux  
▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 2
- fly** ▶ FAST 4; TAKE 1; TRAVEL 3  
I must dash/fly ▶ LEAVE 2
- fly by** ▶ TIME 23
- fly open**  
burst/fly open ▶ OPEN 2
- flyer**  
high flyer ▶ SUCCEED/  
SUCCESSFUL 10
- flying**  
send sb/sth flying ▶ THROW 5
- flying start**  
get off to a flying start ▶ START 8
- flying visit** ▶ VISIT 7
- fob sb off with** ▶ GIVE 16
- focus**  
be the focus of attention  
▶ ATTENTION 8  
in focus ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 7
- focus attention on** ▶ ATTENTION 7
- focus group** ▶ ADVISE 6; GROUP 8
- focus on** ▶ ABOUT 2; ATTENTION 2
- fodder** ▶ FOOD 3
- foe** ▶ ENEMY 1
- foetus**  
fetus/foetus ▶ BABY 3
- fog** ▶ WEATHER 11
- fogey**  
old fogey ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 6
- foggiest**  
not have the faintest/slightest/foggiest  
idea ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 12
- foil** ▶ STOP 26
- foist sth on** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 4
- fold** ▶ FAIL 8; FOLD 1, 3
- fold up** ▶ FOLD 1
- fold/fold up** ▶ FOLD 2
- folding/collapsible** ▶ FOLD 2
- folk** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 2
- folklore** ▶ TRADITION 2
- folks** ▶ FAMILY 1; PERSON/PEOPLE 2
- follow** ▶ AFTER 5, 9; FOLLOW 1, 2;  
OBEY 1; UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 3  
easy to understand/follow  
▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 8
- follow in sb's footsteps** ▶ COPY 6
- follow on** ▶ FOLLOW 1
- follow sb's example** ▶ COPY 6
- follow suit/follow sb's lead**  
▶ COPY 6
- follow the crowd/go (along) with  
the crowd** ▶ COPY 8
- follow up** ▶ DEAL WITH 1
- follow-up** ▶ AFTER 4
- follower** ▶ SUPPORT 2
- following** ▶ AFTER 4; SUPPORT 2
- fond of**  
be fond of ▶ LIKE 1, 7; LOVE 3  
not be very keen on sth/not be very  
fond of sth ▶ DISLIKE 1
- fondle** ▶ TOUCH 2
- food** ▶ FOOD 1, 2, 3  
be off your food ▶ EAT 9  
like your food ▶ EAT 11
- food chain** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 1
- foodie** ▶ EAT 11
- fool** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 1  
any fool/idiot ▶ ANYTHING/  
ANYBODY 2  
be nobody's fool ▶ INTELLIGENT 5  
idiot/fool ▶ STUPID/SILLY 4
- fooled**  
be fooled ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 2
- foolhardy** ▶ RISK 2
- foolish** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 1
- foolproof** ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 4;  
EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 3
- foot**  
at the foot of ▶ BOTTOM 5  
get/start off on the wrong foot  
▶ START 9  
on foot ▶ TRAVEL 3; WALK 1  
put your foot down ▶ INSIST 1  
put your foot in it ▶ MISTAKE 4  
shoot yourself in the foot ▶ HARM 2  
stamp your foot ▶ ANGRY 10
- foot the bill** ▶ PAY 1
- footing**  
lose your footing ▶ FALL 2  
on an equal footing ▶ EQUAL/NOT  
EQUAL 2
- footpath** ▶ ROAD/PATH 4
- footprint** ▶ MARK 4
- footstep** ▶ WALK 16
- footsteps**  
follow in sb's footsteps ▶ COPY 6
- for** ▶ EXCHANGE 3; IN ORDER TO 1;  
INSTEAD 2; SINCE 1; TIME 7;  
TOWARDS 1  
be all for/be all in favour of  
▶ APPROVE 2  
be for ▶ PURPOSE 2
- for all I care** ▶ DON'T CARE 1
- for all I know/you/they etc know**  
▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 14
- for all time** ▶ ALWAYS 4
- for ever and ever** ▶ ALWAYS 4
- for example/for instance**  
▶ EXAMPLE 3
- for now/for the moment**  
▶ TEMPORARY 2
- for now/for the time being**  
▶ NOW 5
- forbid** ▶ FORBID 1
- forbid!**  
God/heaven forbid! ▶ HOPE 7
- forbidden**  
be forbidden ▶ FORBID 2
- forbidding** ▶ UNFRIENDLY 4
- force** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 1, 2, 3;  
PUSH 4; STRONG 3; VIOLENT 5  
be the driving force ▶ IMPORTANT 8  
in force/strength ▶ LOT 7  
tear/force yourself away ▶ LEAVE 10  
use force ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 2
- force a smile** ▶ SMILE 1
- force of circumstances**  
▶ SITUATION 3
- force of habit** ▶ HABIT 2
- force open** ▶ OPEN 1
- force sth on** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO  
STH 4
- force up**  
push up/drive up/force up  
▶ INCREASE 6
- force your way** ▶ PUSH 5
- force your way in** ▶ ENTER 4
- forced**  
be forced to do sth ▶ MUST/DON'T  
HAVE TO 1
- forceful** ▶ PERSUADE 9
- forces** ▶ ARMY 1  
join forces ▶ UNITE 1  
the armed forces ▶ ARMY 1
- foreboding** ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
FRIGHTENING 8
- forecast** ▶ PREDICT 1, 3  
weather forecast ▶ WEATHER 3
- forefathers** ▶ FAMILY 6
- foregone conclusion**  
be a foregone conclusion  
▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 2
- foreground** ▶ PICTURE 5  
in the foreground ▶ FRONT 4
- foreign** ▶ FOREIGN 1
- foreigner** ▶ FOREIGN 2
- foreman** ▶ IN CHARGE OF 2;  
MANAGER 1
- foremost**  
first and foremost ▶ MAIN 4
- forerunner** ▶ BEFORE 4
- foresee** ▶ PREDICT 2
- foreseeable** ▶ PREDICT 4
- foretell** ▶ PREDICT 1
- forever** ▶ ALWAYS 4; LONG 6  
be forever doing sth ▶ OFTEN 2  
take ages/years/forever etc ▶ LONG 8
- forewarn** ▶ WARN 1
- foreword**  
preface/foreword ▶ INTRODUCE 2
- forge** ▶ COPY 1
- forge ahead** ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE  
PROGRESS 2
- forged** ▶ FALSE 1
- forgery** ▶ COPY 5; FALSE 2
- forget** ▶ DO/NOT DO 14;  
FORGET 1, 3, 4  
don't forget ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB  
REMEMBER 1  
forgive and forget ▶ FORGIVE/NOT  
FORGIVE 1  
I will never forget ▶ REMEMBER 4  
not forget ▶ REMEMBER 6
- forget it** ▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 2;  
REFUSE 2
- forgetful** ▶ FORGET 5
- forgive** ▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 1  
never forgive ▶ FORGIVE/NOT  
FORGIVE 4
- forgive and forget** ▶ FORGIVE/NOT  
FORGIVE 1
- forgive me** ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 2
- forgo** ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 8
- fork out**  
shell out/fork out ▶ SPEND MONEY/  
TIME 2
- fork out/shell out** ▶ PAY 1
- form** ▶ ASK 8; BE 1; CLASS 1;  
CROWD 4; MAKE 3, 4; SHAPE 1;  
TYPE 1  
art form ▶ ART/CULTURE 1  
be on top form ▶ BEST 4  
life form ▶ ALIVE 3  
make up/form ▶ BE 2  
sixth form college ▶ SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 4  
true to form ▶ TYPICAL 2
- form (a) part of** ▶ PART 7



**form a group/get into a group**

▶ GROUP 9

**form a picture** ▶ IMAGINE 1**formal** ▶ OFFICIAL 1; POLITE 3**formality** ▶ POLITE 4**formalize** ▶ OFFICIAL 2**formation** ▶ ARRANGE 2**former** ▶ BEFORE 4**formerly** ▶ BEFORE 3; PAST 3**formulate** ▶ PLAN 5**forte***be sb's forte* ▶ GOOD AT 8**forth***hold forth* ▶ TALK 7**forthcoming** ▶ SOON 3**forthright** ▶ HONEST 3**fortuitous** ▶ CHANCE 2**fortunate** ▶ LUCKY 1, 2**fortunately***luckily/fortunately* ▶ LUCKY 2**fortune***a fortune* ▶ MONEY 5*be lucky enough to do sth/have the**good fortune to do sth* ▶ LUCKY 1*be worth a fortune* ▶ RICH 2; VALUE 2*cost a fortune* ▶ EXPENSIVE 2*make a fortune* ▶ EARN 4; RICH 5**fortune teller** ▶ PREDICT 6**fortunes** ▶ EXPERIENCE 1**forum** ▶ DISCUSS 5**forward** ▶ FORWARD 1; FRONT 4;

SEND 2

*come forward* ▶ OFFER 2*look forward to* ▶ EXCITED/

EXCITING 1; WAIT 6

*put forward* ▶ SUGGEST 2*put sb's name forward* ▶ SUGGEST 3**forward planning** ▶ PLAN 6**forward-looking** ▶ MODERN 3**foster** ▶ DEVELOP 5; LOOK AFTER 3**foul** ▶ DIRTY 2; HORRIBLE 3*bad/foul language* ▶ RUDE 6**foul play** ▶ KILL 2**foul-mouthed** ▶ RUDE 7**found** ▶ START 15*be found* ▶ EXIST 1*be nowhere to be seen/found* ▶ LOSE 2*not to be had/found* ▶ AVAILABLE/

NOT AVAILABLE 5

*to be had/found* ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT

AVAILABLE 1

**foundation** ▶ BASIC 2**foundations***lay the foundations* ▶ PREPARE 5**founded on***be founded on* ▶ COME FROM 6**four-letter word** ▶ RUDE 6**fraction** ▶ AMOUNT 3; PART 2**fracture** ▶ BREAK 9**fractured** ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 2**fragile** ▶ BREAK 10; WEAK 1**fragment** ▶ PIECE 6**fragrance***scent/fragrance/perfume* ▶ SMELL 2**fragrant** ▶ SMELL 4**frail** ▶ WEAK 1**frame** ▶ GUILTY 4**framed***be framed by* ▶ AROUND/ROUND 2**framework** ▶ SYSTEM 1**franchise** ▶ VOTE 5**frank** ▶ HONEST 2*to be frank/frankly* ▶ HONEST 4**frankly***to be frank/frankly* ▶ HONEST 4**frantic** ▶ HURRY 4; WORRIED/

WORRYING 3

**fraud** ▶ CHEAT 5**fraught with problems/difficulties**

▶ PROBLEM 5

**frayed** ▶ TEAR 4**freak** ▶ LIKE 5; STRANGE 3;

UNUSUAL 1

*neat freak* ▶ TIDY 3**freckle** ▶ MARK 3**free** ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 9; AVAILABLE/

NOT AVAILABLE 1, 3; EMPTY 2;

FREE 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11; MOVE/NOT

MOVE 9; USE 9

*be free from* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 9*be free to do sth* ▶ LET/ALLOW 4*break free/break away* ▶ ESCAPE 1*feel free* ▶ LET/ALLOW 3*for nothing/for free* ▶ FREE 1*set sb free* ▶ FREE 9**free enterprise***private enterprise/free enterprise*

▶ PRIVATE 7

**free gift** ▶ FREE 2; GIVE 15**free hand***a free hand* ▶ FREE 5**free hand/rein***give sb free rein/give sb a free hand*

▶ LET/ALLOW 6

**free of charge** ▶ FREE 1**free sth of** ▶ GET RID OF 5**free time** ▶ FREE 10**free will***of your own free will* ▶ WILLING 2**free-for-all** ▶ FIGHT 5**freebie** ▶ FREE 2**freedom** ▶ FREE 5, 8; RIGHT 9*give sb the freedom to do sth* ▶ LET/

ALLOW 6

**freedom fighter** ▶ REBELLION/

REVOLUTION 4

**freedom of information** ▶ KNOW/

NOT KNOW 9

**freelance** ▶ WORK FOR SB 2**freeloader** ▶ GET 7**freely** ▶ FREE 3; WILLING 2**freeze** ▶ COLD 8; HARD 3; MOVE/NOT

MOVE 12; STOP 10, 16

**freeze/freeze up** ▶ COMPUTERS/

INTERNET/EMAIL 7

**freezing** ▶ COLD 4, 5, 6; WEATHER 8**freezing/freezing cold** ▶ COLD 2**frenzy***in a frenzy* ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 2**frequency** ▶ OFTEN 5**frequent** ▶ OFTEN 4**frequently** ▶ OFTEN 1**fresco***al fresco* ▶ MEAL 6**fresh** ▶ AGAIN 1; COLD 3; FRESH/NOT

FRESH 1; NEW 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; SMELL 4

*be fresh in your mind* ▶ REMEMBER 4*stay fresh* ▶ LAST 6**fresh air** ▶ AIR 1**fresh start***start afresh/make a fresh start/make a**new start* ▶ START 7**freshen up** ▶ WASH 1**fresher** ▶ NEW 7**freshly** ▶ RECENTLY 1**freshman** ▶ CLASS 1**fret** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 3**friction** ▶ DISAGREE 4**friend** ▶ FRIEND 1*best friend* ▶ FRIEND 2*good/close friend* ▶ FRIEND 2*old friend* ▶ FRIEND 2**friend of a friend** ▶ FRIEND 1**friendly** ▶ FRIENDLY 1, 3, 4; HARM 5*be friendly with* ▶ FRIEND 4*environmentally friendly*

▶ ENVIRONMENT 3

*unfriendly/not friendly*

▶ UNFRIENDLY 1, 3, 4

**friends***be friends* ▶ FRIEND 4*be just (good) friends* ▶ SEX 13*become friends* ▶ FRIEND 5*circle of friends* ▶ FRIEND 3*have friends in high places*

▶ FRIEND 7; POWER/POWERFUL 2

*make friends* ▶ FRIEND 5**friendship** ▶ FRIEND 6*strike up a friendship* ▶ FRIEND 5**fright***get a fright* ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 3

*give sb a fright* ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 4

**frighten** ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 4

**frighten/scare sb into sth**

▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 6

**frightened** ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 1

*be afraid/be frightened/be scared*

▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 2

**frightening** ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 5

**fringe** ▶ GROUP 7*lunatic fringe* ▶ EXTREME 2**fringe benefits** ▶ EARN 9**frisk** ▶ LOOK FOR 6**fritter away** ▶ WASTE 1**from** ▶ DISTANCE 1; SEEM 3; SINCE 1*be from* ▶ LIVE 1*come from/be from* ▶ COME

FROM 1, 3, 4

*from ... to ...* ▶ TIME 7*from...until/from...to* ▶ UNTIL 1*love (from)* ▶ LETTER 3*since/from day one* ▶ BEGINNING 5*since/from time immemorial*

▶ ALWAYS 5

**from now** ▶ AFTER 2**from now on** ▶ AFTER 3**from then on** ▶ AFTER 3**from time to time** ▶ SOMETIMES 1**front** ▶ FRONT 4; HIDE 10; PRETEND 7*back to front* ▶ WRONG 4*in front* ▶ FRONT 5, 6*in front of* ▶ SEE 3*in front of/ahead of* ▶ BEFORE 5*in front/in the front* ▶ FRONT 4*put on a brave face/put up a brave**front* ▶ HIDE 7*the front* ▶ FRONT 1, 2, 3*the front line/the front* ▶ WAR 5*up front* ▶ FRONT 4; HONEST 2; PAY 7**front page***the front page* ▶ NEWSPAPERS 2**fronted by***be fronted by* ▶ LEADER 2**frontier** ▶ EDGE 2**frontrunner** ▶ WIN 8**frost** ▶ WEATHER 10



**frosted** ▶ SEE 9  
**frosty** ▶ COLD 1; UNFRIENDLY 3  
**frown** ▶ DISAPPROVE 3  
**frown at** ▶ LOOK 4  
**frown on/upon** ▶ DISAPPROVE 1  
**frozen** ▶ COLD 7  
**frugal** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 7  
**fruit**  
*bear fruit* ▶ SUCCEED/  
 SUCCESSFUL 3  
**fruitful** ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 3  
**fruitless** ▶ FAIL 2  
**frustrated** ▶ ANGRY 1  
**frustrating** ▶ ANGRY 9  
**frustration** ▶ ANGRY 14  
**fry** ▶ COOK 2  
*small fry* ▶ UNIMPORTANT 4  
**fuddy duddy** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 6  
**fuel** ▶ INCREASE 14  
**fugitive** ▶ ESCAPE 5  
**ful** ▶ AMOUNT 5  
**fulfil** ▶ PROMISE 4; SATISFIED/NOT  
 SATISFIED 5  
**fulfilled** ▶ SATISFIED/NOT  
 SATISFIED 2  
*be fulfilled* ▶ HAPPEN 2  
**fulfilling** ▶ SATISFIED/NOT  
 SATISFIED 3  
**fulfilment** ▶ SATISFIED/NOT  
 SATISFIED 4  
**full** ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 2; COMPLETE/  
 NOT COMPLETE 1, 2; FAT 4; FULL 1  
*be full* ▶ EAT 10  
*be full of* ▶ LOT 11  
*be full of beans* ▶ ENERGETIC 2  
*be full of energy/bursting with energy*  
 ▶ ENERGETIC 1  
*be full of enthusiasm*  
 ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/  
 UNENTHUSIASTIC 1  
*be full of holes* ▶ HOLE 6  
*be full of it* ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/  
 UNENTHUSIASTIC 2  
*be full of life* ▶ ENERGETIC 2  
*be full of praise for* ▶ PRAISE 2  
*be full of yourself* ▶ PROUD 2  
*be full to the brim* ▶ FULL 1  
*be in full swing* ▶ HAPPEN 5  
*be on full alert* ▶ READY/NOT  
 READY 3  
*draw/pull yourself up to your full*  
*height* ▶ STAND 3  
*have your hands full* ▶ BUSY/NOT  
 BUSY 1  
*in full* ▶ COMPLETE/NOT  
 COMPLETE 1  
*in full view of* ▶ SEE 3  
**full blast/volume**  
*at full blast/at full volume* ▶ LOUD 2  
**full of ideas** ▶ IDEA 5  
**full stomach**  
*on a full stomach* ▶ EAT 10  
**full-bodied** ▶ TASTE 7  
**full-flavoured** ▶ TASTE 7  
**full-grown/fully grown** ▶ ADULT 1  
**fully** ▶ COMPLETELY 1  
**fully booked**  
*be booked up/fully booked* ▶ SELL 13  
**fully grown** ▶ GROW 2  
**fully recovered**  
*be fully recovered* ▶ RECOVER 3  
**fumble around/about** ▶ LOOK FOR 6  
**fumble with** ▶ HOLD 4

**fun** ▶ ENJOY 3, 5  
*for fun* ▶ ENJOY 6  
*have fun* ▶ ENJOY 1  
*just (for) a bit of fun* ▶ ENJOY 6  
*make fun of* ▶ LAUGH 2; MAKE FUN  
 OF 1  
*poke fun at* ▶ MAKE FUN OF 1  
**function** ▶ PARTY 2; PURPOSE 2;  
 USE 7  
**fund** ▶ MONEY 13; ORGANIZATION 3;  
 PAY 11; PROVIDE/SUPPLY 1  
**fundamental** ▶ BASIC 1  
**fundamentalist** ▶ EXTREME 2;  
 RELIGION 5  
**fundamentals**  
*the fundamentals* ▶ BASIC 3  
**funding** ▶ MONEY 9  
**funny** ▶ FUNNY 1; STRANGE 1  
*feel funny* ▶ ILL/SICK 5  
*see the funny side of* ▶ FUNNY 6  
**funny story** ▶ JOKE 1  
**funny/odd** ▶ STRANGE 2  
**furios** ▶ ANGRY 2, 5  
**furor** ▶ ANGRY 5  
**furrow** ▶ LINE 3  
**further** ▶ MORE 1  
*advance/further* ▶ HELP 3  
**further on**  
*later/further on* ▶ LATER 3  
**further/advance your career**  
 ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 6  
**furthermore/moreover** ▶ AND/  
 ALSO 2  
**furtive** ▶ SECRET 6  
**furtively** ▶ SECRET 5  
**fuse**  
*have a short fuse* ▶ ANGRY 13  
**fusion** ▶ MIX 6  
**fuss**  
*make a fuss* ▶ COMPLAIN 2;  
 IMPORTANT 7  
*make a fuss of/fuss over* ▶ KIND 3  
**fussy** ▶ DETAIL 8  
*be a fussy/picky eater* ▶ EAT 12  
*be not fussy* ▶ DON'T CARE 2  
**fussy/picky** ▶ CHOOSE 9  
**futile** ▶ USELESS 3  
**future** ▶ AFTER 4; FUTURE 6  
*have a great/bright future*  
 ▶ FUTURE 6; SUCCEED/  
 SUCCESSFUL 9  
*in future* ▶ FUTURE 1  
*in the future* ▶ FUTURE 2  
*in the near future/in the not too distant*  
*future* ▶ SOON 1  
*sb's future* ▶ FUTURE 4  
*see into the future* ▶ PREDICT 2  
*the future* ▶ FUTURE 1  
*the future of sth* ▶ FUTURE 4  
**futuristic** ▶ MODERN 1  
**fuzzy** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 8

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**gadget** ▶ TOOL 1  
**gaffe** ▶ MISTAKE 4  
**gag** ▶ JOKE 1; SICK/VOMIT 1; STOP 27  
**gain** ▶ GET 6; INCREASE 1, 11;  
 PROFIT 1  
**gain ground** ▶ MORE 4  
**gain in**  
*grow in/gain in* ▶ MORE 5  
**gain/gather momentum** ▶ FAST 5  
**gaining on**  
*be gaining on* ▶ FAST 6; NEAR 9  
**gait** ▶ WALK 17  
**gale** ▶ WEATHER 12  
**gales/fits of laughter** ▶ LAUGH 4  
**gall**  
*have the gall to do sth* ▶ RUDE 5  
**gallery** ▶ ART/CULTURE 8  
**galore** ▶ LOT 4  
**gamble** ▶ GAMBLING 1  
*a gamble* ▶ RISK 2  
**gamble/take a gamble** ▶ RISK 5  
**gambler** ▶ GAMBLING 2  
**gambling** ▶ GAMBLING 1  
**game** ▶ GAME 1, 2; SPORT/GAME 2, 4  
*be a whole new ball game*  
 ▶ DIFFERENT 2  
*be game* ▶ WILLING 1  
*give sb a game* ▶ GAME 3; PLAY  
 A GAME OR SPORT 2  
*give the game away* ▶ TELL 12  
*plan of action/game plan* ▶ PLAN 1  
**games** ▶ SPORT/GAME 1  
**gamut** ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT  
 KINDS 5  
**gang** ▶ CRIME 4; GROUP 2  
*the gang* ▶ FRIEND 3  
**gangling/gangly** ▶ TALL 1  
**gangly**  
*gangling/gangly* ▶ TALL 1  
**gap** ▶ DIFFERENT 8; HOLE 1; SPACE 5  
**gape** ▶ LOOK 2  
**gaping** ▶ OPEN 6  
**garbage** ▶ USELESS 2  
**garbage/trash** ▶ RUBBISH/  
 GARBAGE 1  
**garbled**  
*muddled/garbled* ▶ CLEAR/NOT  
 CLEAR 3  
**garden centre** ▶ SHOP/STORE 3  
**garish** ▶ COLOUR 3  
**garment** ▶ CLOTHES 1  
**garnish** ▶ DECORATE 1, 3  
**gasbag**  
*windbag/gasbag* ▶ TALK 8  
**gash** ▶ CUT 3  
**gasp** ▶ BREATHE 5, 6  
**gatecrasher** ▶ INVITE 4; PARTY 5  
**gather** ▶ CROWD 4; FIND OUT 1;  
 GET 8; INCREASE 5; MEET 4  
**gather around** ▶ AROUND/ROUND 3  
**gather dust** ▶ USE 14  
**gather momentum**  
*gain/gather momentum* ▶ FAST 5  
**gather speed**  
*pick up/gather speed* ▶ FAST 5  
**gathering** ▶ MEET 6  
**gaudy** ▶ COLOUR 3  
**gauge** ▶ MEASURE 1  
**gaunt** ▶ THIN 6  
**gawk** ▶ LOOK 2  
**gay** ▶ GAY 1  
**gaze** ▶ LOOK 2  
*avert your eyes/gaze* ▶ LOOK 8  
**gear** ▶ CLOTHES 4; EQUIPMENT 1  
**gear up** ▶ PREPARE 1  
**gear yourself up** ▶ PREPARE 3  
**geared up**  
*be geared up* ▶ READY/NOT READY 1  
**gender** ▶ SEX 1  
**general** ▶ DETAIL 5  
*as a (general) rule* ▶ USUALLY 1  
*in general* ▶ IN GENERAL 1, 2



**general public**

*the general public* ▶ NORMAL/  
ORDINARY 3

**generalize** ▶ SIMPLE 4

**generally** ▶ MOST 4

*generally/in most cases* ▶ IN  
GENERAL 1

*in general/generally speaking/  
generally* ▶ IN GENERAL 2

*usually/generally* ▶ USUALLY 1

**generally speaking/as a rule** ▶ IN  
GENERAL 1

**generate** ▶ CAUSE 5; MAKE 3

**generation** ▶ AGE 6

**generosity** ▶ GENEROUS/NOT  
GENEROUS 1

**generous** ▶ BIG 5; GENEROUS/NOT  
GENEROUS 1

*be generous* ▶ GIVE 13

**genial** ▶ FRIENDLY 1

**genius** ▶ INTELLIGENT 2, 10  
*be no expert/genius/Einstein etc*  
▶ NOT 2

*stroke of genius* ▶ IDEA 2

**genocide** ▶ KILL 4

**genre** ▶ TYPE 1

**gentle** ▶ KIND 1

**gentleman** ▶ MAN 1

**gents**

*the gents* ▶ TOILET 1

**genuine** ▶ REAL 1, 3

*the genuine article* ▶ REAL 1

**geriatric** ▶ OLD 6

**gestation period** ▶ BABY 9

**gesture** ▶ SIGN 3, 4

**gesture at/towards** ▶ POINT AT 1

**get** ▶ ANSWER 3; BECOME 1; BUY 1;  
CATCH 2; COOK 1; EARN 1;  
GET 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; ILLNESS/DISEASE 3;  
REACH 4; SCORE 1; TAKE 3;  
UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 1  
*get at* ▶ CRITICIZE 4  
*get it* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 6

*get out of here!* ▶ BELIEVE 4

*get sb to do sth* ▶ PERSUADE 1

*get/become* ▶ MORE 5

*receive/get* ▶ VOTE 6

**get along** ▶ FRIEND 4

*not get along* ▶ RELATIONSHIP 3

**get around** ▶ AVOID 2

**get around sth** ▶ AVOID 1

**get around to** ▶ DO/NOT DO 3

**get away** ▶ ESCAPE 3

*escape/get away* ▶ ESCAPE 6

**get away with** ▶ PUNISH 7

**get back at** ▶ REVENGE 1

**get back to** ▶ ANSWER 1

*go back to/get back to* ▶ AGAIN 4

*go/get back to* ▶ CONTINUE 9

**get by** ▶ SPEAK 4

**get down to** ▶ START 1

**get in** ▶ ARRIVE 1, 2

**get in/get home** ▶ RETURN 1

**get in/into** ▶ GET ON OR OFF  
A BUS, PLANE ETC 1

**get into** ▶ INTERESTED 4

**get off** ▶ GET ON OR OFF  
A BUS, PLANE ETC 2

**get off with** ▶ PUNISH 8

**get on** ▶ GET ON OR OFF

A BUS, PLANE ETC 1

**get on with** ▶ CONTINUE 1

**get on/get ahead** ▶ SUCCEED/  
SUCCESSFUL 6

**get onto** ▶ CONTACT 1

**get out** ▶ ESCAPE 1

*break out/get out* ▶ ESCAPE 2

**get out of sth** ▶ AVOID 2

**get over** ▶ DEAL WITH 3

*can't get over* ▶ SURPRISED/  
SURPRISING 1

*get it over with/get it over and done  
with* ▶ FINISH 6

**get round** ▶ PERSUADE 2

**get sb back**

*get/pay sb back* ▶ REVENGE 1

**get sb down** ▶ SAD 5

**get sth back** ▶ GET 11

**get sth off** ▶ SEND 1

**get sth out of** ▶ FIND OUT 5

**get sth over** ▶ EXPRESS 1

**get through** ▶ CONTACT 3

*get/go through* ▶ USE 16

**get to** ▶ ARRIVE 1

**get together** ▶ UNITE 1

**get up** ▶ STAND 2

**get up to** ▶ DO/NOT DO 4

**get-together** ▶ PARTY 1

**get-up-and-go** ▶ ENERGETIC 4

**getaway**

*make your getaway/make a getaway*  
▶ ESCAPE 3; LEAVE 7

**getting around**

*there's no getting around sth*  
▶ ADMIT 6

**getting on**

*be getting on* ▶ OLD 1

**getting on for** ▶ AGE 3; ALMOST 1;  
TIME 2

**getting out**

*I'm getting out of here* ▶ LEAVE 2

**getting there**

*be getting there* ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE  
PROGRESS 1

**ghetto** ▶ POOR 6

**ghost** ▶ GHOST 1

**ghost town** ▶ EMPTY 3

**ghostly** ▶ GHOST 1

**giant** ▶ BIG 2

*a giant* ▶ TALL 1

**giddy** ▶ BALANCE 6

**gift** ▶ GIVE 4

*free gift* ▶ FREE 2; GIVE 15

*have a gift for* ▶ GOOD AT 4

**gifted** ▶ GOOD AT 4; INTELLIGENT 1

**gig** ▶ MUSIC 7

**gigantic** ▶ BIG 2

**giggle** ▶ LAUGH 1

**giggles**

*have/get the giggles* ▶ LAUGH 4

**girl** ▶ CHILD 1; WOMAN 1

*blue-eyed boy/girl* ▶ FAVOURITE 2

**girlfriend** ▶ GIRLFRIEND/  
BOYFRIEND 1

**girls**

*the boys/the girls* ▶ FRIEND 3

**gist** ▶ MEANING 2

*the gist* ▶ MAIN 3

**give** ▶ ADD 4; DO/NOT DO 1; GIVE 1, 5;  
LOOSE 2; PARTY 3; SPEND MONEY/  
TIME 1; TEACH 2; TELL 2; WORK 12

**give away** ▶ GIVE 1, 15

**give back** ▶ GIVE 11

**give in** ▶ ACCEPT 4

**give in to** ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 14

**give off** ▶ SEND 4

**give out** ▶ SEND 4

**give rise to** ▶ CAUSE 1

**give up** ▶ GIVE 12

*I give up* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 12

**giveaway**

*be a giveaway* ▶ SIGN 5

**given**

*be given* ▶ GET 2

*get/be given* ▶ PUNISH 5

**given the situation/circumstances**  
▶ SITUATION 3

**glad** ▶ HAPPY 2

*be glad/happy to see the back of*  
▶ GET RID OF 6

*be glad/happy/pleased to do sth*  
▶ WILLING 1

**gladly** ▶ WILLING 2

**glamorous** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1

**glance** ▶ LOOK 3

*at a glance* ▶ IMMEDIATELY 3

**glance off** ▶ HIT 9

**glare** ▶ LIGHT 1; LOOK 4

**glare at** ▶ DISAPPROVE 3

**glaring** ▶ OBVIOUS 3

**glaze over**

*sb's eyes glaze over* ▶ BORING/  
BORED 5

**gleam** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 1

**gleaming** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 4

**gleeful** ▶ HAPPY 2

**glide** ▶ SLIDE 1

**glimmer**

*a glimmer of hope/a ray of hope*  
▶ HOPE 6

**glimpse**

*catch sight of/catch a glimpse of*  
▶ SEE 1

**glisten** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 2

**glistening** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 4

**glitch** ▶ FAULT 1

**glitter** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 2

**gloat** ▶ ENJOY 2; HAPPY 2

**global** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 3;  
EVERYWHERE 1; WORLD 2

**global warming** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 5

**globalization** ▶ COMPANY 3;  
EVERYWHERE 1; WORLD 2

**globe** ▶ ROUND 3

*the globe* ▶ WORLD 1

**gloom**

*the gloom* ▶ DARK 3

**gloomy** ▶ DARK 1; EXPECT 6; HOPE 9  
*glum/gloomy* ▶ SAD 1

**glorify** ▶ PRAISE 2

**glorious**

*beautiful/glorious* ▶ GOOD 6;  
WEATHER 4

**gloss** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 6

**gloss over** ▶ TALK 16

**glossy** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 4

**glossy magazine** ▶ NEWSPAPERS 1

**glove**

*hand in glove with sb* ▶ WITH/  
TOGETHER 3

**glow** ▶ LIGHT 1; SHINE/SHINY 1

**glow in the dark** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 3

**glowing** ▶ PRAISE 7

**glue** ▶ STICK 1, 3



**glued**

*be glued/rooted to* ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 11

**glum/gloomy** ▶ SAD 1

**glut** ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 2

**glutton** ▶ GREEDY 1

*be a glutton for punishment*  
▶ SUFFER 5

**gluttony** ▶ GREEDY 1

**gnaw** ▶ BITE 4

**go** ▶ BECOME 1; GO 1; HAPPEN 4;  
LEAVE 1, 4; PLAY A GAME OR  
SPORT 1; PROGRESS/MAKE  
PROGRESS 1; SOUND 3; TRAVEL 1, 4;  
WORKING 1

*be on the go* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 1

**go about** ▶ DO/NOT DO 1

**go after** ▶ FOLLOW 3

**go against** ▶ DIFFERENT 12

**go along with** ▶ AGREE 2

**go around** ▶ SPREAD 3

**go away** ▶ DISAPPEAR 3

**go back** ▶ PAST 4

**go back on** ▶ PROMISE 5

**go back to**

*go back to/get back to* ▶ AGAIN 4

**go back to/return to** ▶ AGAIN 3

**go blank**

*your mind goes blank* ▶ FORGET 2

**go down to** ▶ REACH 1

**go down/come down** ▶ LESS 5

**go down/decline** ▶ WORSE 2

**go for** ▶ ATTACK 1

**go into** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 7

**go off** ▶ DISLIKE 3

**go off/go bad** ▶ FRESH/NOT FRESH 2

**go on** ▶ ASK 12

**go on about** ▶ COMPLAIN 2

**go on for** ▶ LAST 5

**go out** ▶ BURN 5

**go out with** ▶ GIRLFRIEND/  
BOYFRIEND 2

**go over** ▶ REPEAT 4

**go over to** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 12

**go over/go around/go round**

▶ VISIT 1

**go through** ▶ EXPERIENCE 3

**go through/go over** ▶ EXAMINE 1

**go to** ▶ GIVE 5

**go together** ▶ SUIT/LOOK GOOD  
TOGETHER 2

**go together/go with** ▶ SUITABLE 4

**go up** ▶ BUILD/BUILDING 1

**go up to** ▶ REACH 1

**go up/rise** ▶ INCREASE 1

**go well**

*if all goes well* ▶ HOPE 2

**go with** ▶ ACCEPT 3

**go without** ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 7

**go wrong**

*something goes wrong* ▶ BROKEN/  
NOT BROKEN 4

**go-ahead** ▶ MODERN 3

*give sb/sth the go-ahead* ▶ LET/  
ALLOW 1

**go-between** ▶ MESSAGE 2

**go-getter** ▶ AMBITIOUS 1

**go-slow** ▶ STRIKE 2

**goal** ▶ PURPOSE 1; SCORE 3; SPORT/  
GAME 9; WANT/NOT WANT 8

**gobble up/down** ▶ EAT 4

**gobbledygook** ▶ MEANING 10

**gobsmacked** ▶ SHOCKED/

SHOCKING 2; SURPRISED/

SURPRISING 3

**God**

*turn to Jesus/the Lord/God/Christ*

▶ RELIGION 7

**God knows/heaven knows**

▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 18

**God/heaven forbid!** ▶ HOPE 7

**goes**

*what sb says, goes* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 1

**goes for**

*sth goes for* ▶ TRUE 1

**going**

*be going* ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT

AVAILABLE 1; SWITCH ON OR OFF 3

*get going* ▶ DO/NOT DO 3; START 4

*get sth started/going* ▶ SWITCH ON  
OR OFF 1

*have everything going for you*

▶ ADVANTAGE 5

**going back**

*there is no going back* ▶ CHANGE/  
NOT CHANGE 31

**going by**

*judging by/judging from/going by*

▶ SEEM 3

**going on**

*be going on* ▶ HAPPEN 5

*what's going on* ▶ SITUATION 1

**going places**

*be going places* ▶ SUCCEED/

SUCCESSFUL 8

**going to**

*be going to do sth* ▶ INTEND/NOT  
INTEND 1

**goings-on** ▶ HAPPEN 9

**golden opportunity** ▶ CHANCE 4

**goldmine** ▶ PROFIT 5

**gone**

*be (all) gone* ▶ FINISH 13

**good** ▶ BEHAVE 2; BRIGHT 1;

DELICIOUS 1;

GOOD 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11; GOOD

AT 1; KIND 1; POLITE 5; SUITABLE 1

*a bad time/not a good time* ▶ TIME 15

*as good as new* ▶ CONDITION 2

*be no good* ▶ USELESS 1

*be up to no good* ▶ BEHAVE 3;

DISHONEST 3

*do no good* ▶ FAIL 2

*do sb good* ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 6

*for good* ▶ ALWAYS 4

*give as good as you get* ▶ REACT 2

*it won't do you any good/it won't get*

*you anywhere* ▶ USELESS 4

*look good on* ▶ SUIT/LOOK GOOD

TOGETHER 1

*make good* ▶ RICH 5

*no good* ▶ BAD 1, 5

*no good at sth* ▶ BAD AT DOING STH 1

*not as good* ▶ WORSE 1

*not be good enough* ▶ GOOD

ENOUGH 4

*not very good* ▶ BAD 3; BAD AT

DOING STH 1

**good and ready**

*do sth when you are good and ready*

▶ READY/NOT READY 1

**good as**

*be as good as* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 3

**good at**

*be good at* ▶ GOOD AT 1

**good cause/reason** ▶ RIGHT 7

**good deal**

*a good deal* ▶ CHEAP 3

*a good time* ▶ CONVENIENT 1;  
TIME 14

*a good/great deal* ▶ LOT 1, 10, 14

**good enough** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 1

**good for**

*be bad for/be no good for*

▶ CONVENIENT 4

*be good for* ▶ CONVENIENT 1

*be good for (doing) sth* ▶ USEFUL 1

**good for you**

*be good for you/be good for your health*

▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 6

**good friends**

*be just (good) friends* ▶ SEX 13

**good hands**

*be in good/safe hands* ▶ SAFE 1

**good intentions** ▶ INTEND/NOT

INTEND 6

**good looks** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 7

**good luck/best of luck** ▶ LUCKY 4

**good manners** ▶ POLITE 4

**good morning/afternoon/evening**

▶ HELLO 1

**good points/bad points**

▶ CHARACTER 2, 6

**good quality/high quality** ▶ GOOD 2

**good terms**

*be on good terms* ▶ RELATIONSHIP 2

**good thing**

*it's a good thing* ▶ LUCKY 2

**good time**

*all in good time* ▶ WAIT 2

*have a good/great/wonderful etc time*

▶ ENJOY 1

**good turn**

*do sb a good turn* ▶ HELP 1

**good weather** ▶ WEATHER 4

**good-looking** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1, 2

*not very good-looking* ▶ UGLY 2

**good-natured** ▶ NICE 1

**good/close friend** ▶ FRIEND 2

**good/great/fantastic etc idea**

▶ IDEA 2

**goodbye**

*say goodbye* ▶ GOODBYE 3

*wave goodbye* ▶ GOODBYE 3

**goodbye/bye** ▶ GOODBYE 1

**goodbyes**

*say your goodbyes* ▶ GOODBYE 3

**goodness** ▶ GOOD 11

**goodnight/night** ▶ GOODBYE 2

**goods** ▶ SELL 7

*deliver the goods/come up with the*

*goods* ▶ DO/NOT DO 2

*worldly goods* ▶ OWN 4

**goosey** ▶ FEEL 11

*lovey-dovey/goosey* ▶ LOVE 5

**goof off** ▶ WORK HARD 8

**goof/goof ball** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 4

**goof/goof up** ▶ MISTAKE 5

**goose**

*wild goose chase* ▶ LOOK FOR 7

**goosepimples**

*have goosepimples* ▶ COLD 4

**gorge**

*stuff/gorge yourself* ▶ EAT 3

**gorgeous** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1, 2, 5

*beautiful/gorgeous/glorious*

▶ WEATHER 4

**gormless** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 5

**gory** ▶ VIOLENT 4



**gospel**

*be the gospel truth/be gospel*

▶ TRUE 3

**gossip** ▶ RUMOUR 1; TALK 4, 6, 12

**gouge** ▶ HOLE 7

**gouge sb's eyes out** ▶ CUT 7

**gourmet** ▶ EAT 11

**govern** ▶ GOVERNMENT 7

**government** ▶ GOVERNMENT 1, 8;  
PUBLIC 2

*be in government* ▶ GOVERNMENT 7

**GP** ▶ DOCTOR 1

**GPA**

*grade point average/GPA* ▶ GRADE 1

**grab** ▶ HOLD 3; TAKE 11

**grab something/a bite to eat**  
▶ EAT 2

**grab the chance** ▶ CHANCE 5

**grab/snatch** ▶ TAKE 9

**grab/snatch at** ▶ TAKE 12

**grab/snatch some sleep** ▶ SLEEP 2

**grace** ▶ PRAY 1

*saving grace* ▶ ADVANTAGE 2

*saving grace/redeeming feature*  
▶ GOOD ENOUGH 3

**grace/gracefulness** ▶ GRACEFUL 2

**graceful** ▶ GRACEFUL 1

**gracefulness**

*grace/gracefulness* ▶ GRACEFUL 2

**grade** ▶ CLASS 1; GRADE 1;  
GROUP 13

*make the grade* ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 2

**grade point average/GPA**

▶ GRADE 1

**gradual** ▶ SLOW 2

**gradually** ▶ SLOW 2

**graduate** ▶ LEAVE 19; TEST 7

**graffiti** ▶ WRITE 13

**graft** ▶ DISHONEST 4

**grain** ▶ PIECE 5

**grain of truth**

*element/grain of truth* ▶ TRUE 4

**grand** ▶ IMPRESS 4

**grand total** ▶ TOTAL 1

**grant** ▶ GIVE 3; MONEY 8, 9

**granted**

*take it for granted* ▶ THINK 11

*take sb for granted* ▶ THANK 6

**grapes**

*sour grapes* ▶ JEALOUS 2

**grapevine**

*hear sth on/through the grapevine*

▶ FIND OUT 1; RUMOUR 1

**grapple with** ▶ DEAL WITH 2

**grasp** ▶ HOLD 8; UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 1

*clutch/grasp at* ▶ HOLD 3

**grasping** ▶ GREEDY 2

**grass** ▶ TELL 9, 10

**grass roots**

*the grass roots* ▶ NORMAL/  
ORDINARY 3

**grate** ▶ CUT 2

**grateful** ▶ THANK 3

*I would be grateful if ...* ▶ ASK 10

**grating** ▶ HORRIBLE 4

**gratis** ▶ FREE 1

**gratitude** ▶ THANK 3

*express your thanks/gratitude*

▶ THANK 2

**gratuitous** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 9;  
WRONG 5

**grave** ▶ SERIOUS 1, 7

**graze** ▶ TOUCH 3

**graze/scrape** ▶ CUT 3

**greasy** ▶ DIRTY 1

**great** ▶ BIG 2, 7; ENJOY 4;

GOOD 1, 3, 5; GOOD AT 2; NICE 2

**great big** ▶ BIG 2

**great deal**

*a good/great deal* ▶ LOT 1, 10, 14

**great expense**

*go to great expense* ▶ SPEND MONEY/  
TIME 2

**great lengths**

*go to great lengths to do sth* ▶ TRY 2

**great many**

*a great many* ▶ LOT 3

**great time**

*have a good/great/wonderful etc time*  
▶ ENJOY 1

**greater** ▶ MORE 4, 6

**greater than** ▶ MORE 2

**greatest** ▶ BEST 1

*not be the world's best/greatest*  
▶ NOT 2

**greatly** ▶ LOT 14

**greed** ▶ GREEDY 1, 2

**greedy** ▶ GREEDY 1, 2

**greedy guts** ▶ GREEDY 1

**green** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 2;  
EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 6

**green fingers**

*have green fingers* ▶ GROW 3

**greenhouse gases**

▶ ENVIRONMENT 5

**greet** ▶ HELLO 4; REACT 1

**greeting** ▶ HELLO 4

**grey** ▶ OLD 6; WEATHER 11

**grief** ▶ SAD 8

**grievance** ▶ COMPLAIN 4

**grievances**

*air your grievances* ▶ COMPLAIN 1

**grieve** ▶ SAD 7

**grill** ▶ ASK 3

**grill/broil** ▶ COOK 2

**grim** ▶ SERIOUS 1, 7

**grime** ▶ DIRTY 6

**grimy** ▶ DIRTY 1

**grin** ▶ SMILE 1, 3

*break into a smile/grin* ▶ SMILE 1

**grin and bear it** ▶ STAND 5

**grind** ▶ SQUASH 1; WORK 6

*come to a standstill/grind to a halt*

▶ STOP 11

**grip** ▶ HOLD 2, 8; STICK 2

*be in the grip of* ▶ SUFFER 1

*get a grip on yourself* ▶ CONTROL/  
NOT CONTROL 13

*lose your grip (on sth)* ▶ CONTROL/  
NOT CONTROL 10

**gripe** ▶ COMPLAIN 4

**gripped/riveted** ▶ INTERESTED 2

**gripping** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 4

*riveting/gripping* ▶ INTERESTING 2

**grips**

*come/get to grips with* ▶ DEAL  
WITH 3

**grit your teeth** ▶ ACCEPT 5

**groggy** ▶ ILL/SICK 5

**groom** ▶ PREPARE 4

**groom/bridegroom** ▶ MARRY 9

**groomsman** ▶ MARRY 9

**groove** ▶ LINE 3

**gross** ▶ EARN 1; HORRIBLE 3; TOTAL 1

**grotesque** ▶ UGLY 1

**grouch** ▶ COMPLAIN 3

**grouchy**

*grumpy/grouchy* ▶ ANGRY 11

**ground** ▶ FORBID 4; LAND/

GROUND 3; SQUASH 2

*be on dangerous ground/in dangerous  
territory* ▶ RISK 6

*be thin on the ground* ▶ RARE/  
RARELY 1

*break new ground* ▶ FIRST 5

*gain ground* ▶ MORE 4

*leave the ground* ▶ UP 4

*middle ground* ▶ MODERATE 1

*stand your ground* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 28

*the ground* ▶ LAND/GROUND 4

*underground/below ground*  
▶ UNDER/BELOW 3

*work/drive yourself into the ground*  
▶ WORK HARD 3

**groundless** ▶ REASON 8

**grounds** ▶ REASON 2

*the grounds* ▶ LAND/GROUND 1

**groundwork**

*do the groundwork* ▶ PREPARE 1

**group** ▶ GROUP 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10

*age group* ▶ AGE 6

*focus group* ▶ ADVISE 6; GROUP 8

*form a group/get into a group*  
▶ GROUP 9

*peer group/peers* ▶ AGE 6

*splinter group* ▶ GROUP 7

*working group* ▶ GROUP 4

**grouped**

*be grouped* ▶ GROUP 13

**grovel** ▶ FRIENDLY 6

**grow** ▶ BECOME 1; BIG 9, 10;  
GROW 1, 3; INCREASE 1, 13

**grow in/gain in** ▶ MORE 5

**grow into** ▶ BECOME 2; FIT/NOT FIT 1

**grow on** ▶ LIKE 4

**grow out of** ▶ COME FROM 6; STOP 5

**grow to**

*come to/grow to/get to* ▶ START 1

**grow up** ▶ ADULT 2; LIVE 1

**growing** ▶ INCREASE 2, 15

**growing number**

*a growing number/an increasing  
number* ▶ MORE 4

**growl** ▶ SAY 9

**grown**

*full-grown/fully grown* ▶ ADULT 1;  
GROW 2

**grown man/woman** ▶ ADULT 1

**grown-up** ▶ ADULT 1

**growth** ▶ INCREASE 10

**grub** ▶ FOOD 1

**grubby** ▶ DIRTY 1

**grudge**

*bear/hold a grudge* ▶ DISLIKE 2;  
FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 4

**grudgingly** ▶ WILLING 4

**gruelling** ▶ DIFFICULT 3

**gruff** ▶ VOICE 2

**grumble** ▶ COMPLAIN 2

**grumpy/grouchy** ▶ ANGRY 11

**grunt** ▶ SAY 8

**guarantee** ▶ PROMISE 1, 2

**guard** ▶ PROTECT 1, 3, 4

*be on your guard* ▶ CAREFUL 2

*catch sb off guard* ▶ EXPECT 8;  
READY/NOT READY 6

**guard against** ▶ STOP 25

**guarded** ▶ CAREFUL 7



**guardian** ▶ LOOK AFTER 3  
*defender/guardian* ▶ PROTECT 3

**guerrilla** ▶ REBELLION/  
 REVOLUTION 4

**guess** ▶ GUESS 1, 3, 5  
*at a guess* ▶ ABOUT/  
 APPROXIMATELY 1  
*have a guess* ▶ GUESS 1  
*I guess* ▶ THINK 12  
*it's anybody's guess* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
 KNOW 18  
*make a guess* ▶ GUESS 1  
*my guess is* ▶ GUESS 2  
*rough guess* ▶ GUESS 6  
*wild guess* ▶ GUESS 6  
*your guess is as good as mine*  
 ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 18

**guess wrong** ▶ GUESS 4

**guesswork** ▶ GUESS 5

**guest** ▶ INVITE 3; PARTY 5; STAY 6;  
 VISIT 6  
*be my guest* ▶ LET/ALLOW 3

**guest house** ▶ STAY 7

**guests**  
*have company/visitors/guests*  
 ▶ VISIT 6

**guidance** ▶ ADVISE 5

**guide** ▶ INSTRUCTIONS 1; TAKE 6, 7  
*tour guide* ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 7

**guidelines** ▶ INSTRUCTIONS 1

**guilt** ▶ GUILTY 7

**guilty** ▶ GUILTY 1  
*feel guilty* ▶ GUILTY 6  
*find sb guilty/convict* ▶ GUILTY 5  
*find sb not guilty* ▶ INNOCENT 3  
*have a guilty conscience* ▶ GUILTY 6  
*not feel guilty* ▶ GUILTY 8  
*not guilty* ▶ INNOCENT 1  
*plead not guilty* ▶ INNOCENT 2  
*prove sb guilty* ▶ GUILTY 5

**guilty party** ▶ GUILTY 2

**guinea pig** ▶ TEST 12

**gulf** ▶ DIFFERENT 8

**gullible** ▶ BELIEVE 2; PERSUADE 10

**gulp/gulp down** ▶ DRINK 2

**gun**  
*jump the gun* ▶ EARLY 2

**gun down** ▶ SHOOT 2

**gunfire** ▶ SHOOT 5, 6

**gunman** ▶ SHOOT 7

**gunshot**  
*shot/gunshot* ▶ SHOOT 6

**gurgle** ▶ SOUND 14

**guru** ▶ ADVISE 6

**gush** ▶ FLOW 1

**gut**  
*beer gut* ▶ FAT 5

**guts** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 4  
*greedy guts* ▶ GREEDY 1  
*hate sb's guts* ▶ HATE 1  
*have the guts to do sth* ▶ BRAVE/NOT  
 BRAVE 5  
*not have the guts* ▶ BRAVE/NOT  
 BRAVE 7

**gutted** ▶ BURN 8

**guy** ▶ MAN 1  
*fall guy* ▶ BLAME 3  
*smart-ass/wise guy* ▶ INTELLIGENT 7  
*the little guy* ▶ UNIMPORTANT 4

**gym** ▶ SPORT/GAME 7

**gym (class)** ▶ SPORT/GAME 1

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**habit** ▶ ADDICTED 4; HABIT 1;  
 USUALLY 4  
*break the habit/kick the habit*  
 ▶ STOP 5  
*force of habit* ▶ HABIT 2  
*from habit/out of habit* ▶ HABIT 2  
*get into the habit of* ▶ START 5  
*have a habit of doing sth* ▶ OFTEN 3

**habitable** ▶ LIVE 7

**habitat** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 1

**habitation**  
*human habitation* ▶ LIVE 6

**habitual** ▶ OFTEN 4

**hack** ▶ CUT 1, 6; NEWS 6;  
 NEWSPAPERS 3

**hack into** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
 EMAIL 4

**hacked off** ▶ ANGRY 1

**hacker** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
 EMAIL 3

**hackneyed** ▶ USE 13

**had** ▶ IF 1  
*you've been had* ▶ CHEAT 1

**haggle** ▶ CHEAP 8

**hail of bullets** ▶ SHOOT 5

**hail sth/sb as** ▶ CALL/DESCRIBE AS 1

**hail/hail stones** ▶ WEATHER 10

**hailed**  
*be hailed as* ▶ PRAISE 3

**hair**  
*let your hair down* ▶ RELAX/  
 RELAXED 1  
*make your hair stand on end*  
 ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 4  
*not have a hair out of place* ▶ TIDY 4

**hair-raising** ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
 FRIGHTENING 5

**haircut** ▶ CUT 5

**hairs**  
*split hairs* ▶ ARGUE 2

**half** ▶ PARTLY 1  
*break in two/in half* ▶ BREAK 4  
*break sth in two/in half* ▶ BREAK 3

**half the time** ▶ OFTEN 2

**half-asleep** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 2

**half-brother/half-sister** ▶ FAMILY 5

**half-hearted** ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/  
 UNENTHUSIASTIC 5

**half-light**  
*the half-light* ▶ DARK 3

**half-sister**  
*half-brother/half-sister* ▶ FAMILY 5

**half-starved** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT  
 HUNGRY 5

**half-term** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 1

**half-truth** ▶ LIE 4

**halfway** ▶ MIDDLE 2  
*meet sb halfway* ▶ AGREE 5

**hallmarks**  
*have all the hallmarks of* ▶ SEEM 1

**hallucinate** ▶ IMAGINE 3

**hallucination** ▶ IMAGINE 4; SEE 7

**halt** ▶ STOP 16  
*call a halt to* ▶ STOP 20  
*come to a halt* ▶ STOP 10, 11  
*come to a standstill/grind to a halt*  
 ▶ STOP 11

**halve** ▶ REDUCE 1

**halves**  
*go halves* ▶ SHARE 4

**hammer** ▶ HIT 8  
*clobber/hammer* ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 2  
*come/go under the hammer* ▶ SELL 3

**hammer out** ▶ DISCUSS 2

**hamper** ▶ PROBLEM 9

**hand** ▶ GIVE 1  
*a free hand* ▶ FREE 5  
*a hand* ▶ HELP 6  
*be close at hand* ▶ NEAR 3  
*by hand* ▶ PERSONALLY/YOURSELF 1  
*get out of hand* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
 CONTROL 10  
*give sb a (big) hand* ▶ CLAP 2  
*give/lend a hand* ▶ HELP 1  
*have a hand in (doing) sth* ▶ TAKE  
 PART/BE INVOLVED 7  
*have the upper hand* ▶ ADVANTAGE 5  
*hold sb's hand* ▶ HOLD 7  
*in your hand* ▶ HOLD 1  
*keep your hand in* ▶ PRACTISE/  
 PRACTICE 1  
*old hand* ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT  
 EXPERIENCED 1  
*on the other hand* ▶ BUT 1  
*put your hand up* ▶ LIFT 2  
*run your hand over/along/across/  
 through etc* ▶ TOUCH 1  
*see first hand* ▶ SEE 1  
*take sb by the arm/hand etc* ▶ HOLD 7  
*try your hand at* ▶ TRY 8

**hand around** ▶ GIVE 2

**hand back** ▶ GIVE 11

**hand in glove with sb** ▶ WITH/  
 TOGETHER 3

**hand in hand**  
*be bound up with sth/go hand in hand*  
 ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 1

**hand in your notice/resignation**  
 ▶ LEAVE 22

**hand in/give in** ▶ GIVE 7

**hand out/give out** ▶ GIVE 2

**hand over** ▶ GIVE 7, 8

**hand sb over/turn sb over** ▶ GIVE 7

**hand wash/handwash** ▶ WASH 4

**hand-me-down** ▶ CLOTHES 5

**handbook** ▶ INSTRUCTIONS 1

**handed down**  
*be handed down* ▶ GIVE 10

**handful**  
*a handful* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 1

**handicap** ▶ DISABLED 2;  
 DISADVANTAGE 2

**handicapped** ▶ DISABLED 1  
*be handicapped* ▶ DISADVANTAGE 3

**handle** ▶ BEHAVE 6; DEAL WITH 2;  
 HOLD 4  
*can't take/handle* ▶ STAND 7  
*take/handle* ▶ STAND 5

**handmade** ▶ MAKE 5

**handout** ▶ GIVE 6

**handpicked/hand-picked**  
 ▶ CHOOSE 7

**hands**  
*be in good/safe hands* ▶ SAFE 1  
*be out of sb's hands/be no longer in  
 sb's hands* ▶ CAN/CAN'T 8  
*get/lay your hands on* ▶ GET 3  
*have your hands full* ▶ BUSY/NOT  
 BUSY 1  
*put your hands together* ▶ CLAP 2  
*sb's hands are tied* ▶ CAN/CAN'T 8  
*shake hands* ▶ SHAKE 5  
*show of hands* ▶ VOTE 3



- take your life in your hands*  
 ▶ DANGEROUS 4  
*win hands down* ▶ WIN 4
- hands off** ▶ TOUCH 6
- hands-on** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 1
- handsome** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 2; BIG 5
- handwash**  
*hand wash/handwash* ▶ WASH 4
- handwriting**  
*writing/handwriting* ▶ WRITE 1
- handwritten** ▶ WRITE 14
- handy** ▶ CONVENIENT 2; NEAR 6; USEFUL 1  
*come in handy* ▶ USEFUL 3  
*convenient/handy for sth* ▶ NEAR 3  
*have/keep sth handy* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 2
- hang** ▶ ATTACH 2; DOWN 7  
*get the hang of* ▶ LEARN 1
- hang around** ▶ WAIT 1
- hang in the balance**  
*be/hang in the balance*  
 ▶ UNCERTAIN 2
- hang on**  
*hinge on/hang on* ▶ DEPEND/IT DEPENDS 1  
*hold on/hang on* ▶ HOLD 2; WAIT 1  
*keep sb hanging on* ▶ WAIT 4
- hang on to**  
*hold on to/hang on to* ▶ KEEP 1, 4
- hang out** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 10
- hang over** ▶ SOON 4
- hang together** ▶ LOGICAL 1
- hang up** ▶ TELEPHONE 7
- hang-up** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 6
- hang/bow your head (in shame)**  
 ▶ ASHAMED 1
- hangout** ▶ PLACE 7
- hangover** ▶ DRUNK 8; REMAIN 4
- hanker after/for sth** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 4
- haphazard** ▶ CARELESS 3
- happen** ▶ HAPPEN 1, 2  
*as it happens* ▶ CHANCE 1  
*be happening* ▶ HAPPEN 5  
*nothing ever happens* ▶ BORING/BORED 2
- happen again** ▶ HAPPEN 6
- happen to** ▶ EXPERIENCE 3; HAPPEN 3
- happen to do sth** ▶ CHANCE 1
- happen upon**  
*chance upon/happen upon* ▶ FIND 6
- happening** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 1; HAPPEN 7
- happiness** ▶ HAPPY 7
- happy** ▶ HAPPY 1, 2, 4, 8, 9; SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 1  
*be glad/happy to see the back of*  
 ▶ GET RID OF 6  
*be glad/happy/pleased to do sth*  
 ▶ WILLING 1  
*have a happy/cheerful/sunny disposition* ▶ HAPPY 4  
*keep sb satisfied/happy* ▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 5  
*make sb happy* ▶ HAPPY 5  
*not be happy/be unhappy*  
 ▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 6  
*the happy couple* ▶ MARRY 9
- harassment**  
*sexual harassment* ▶ SEX 15
- harbour** ▶ FEEL 6
- hard** ▶ DIFFICULT 1, 3; HARD 1, 2; TIRED/TIRING 7  
*be hard at work* ▶ WORK HARD 1  
*be hard of hearing* ▶ HEAR 6  
*be hard on* ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 3; UNKIND 1  
*come down hard on* ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 4  
*difficult/hard* ▶ DIFFICULT 8  
*drive/push yourself too hard*  
 ▶ WORK HARD 3  
*not difficult/hard* ▶ EASY 1  
*try hard* ▶ TRY 2  
*try/think/push etc too hard* ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 3  
*work hard* ▶ WORK HARD 1  
*work sb hard* ▶ WORK HARD 6
- hard feelings**  
*no hard feelings* ▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 2
- hard put/pressed**  
*be hard put to do sth/be hard pressed to do sth* ▶ DIFFICULT 10
- hard time**  
*give sb a hard time* ▶ PROBLEM 10; UNKIND 1  
*have a hard time* ▶ DIFFICULT 10; PROBLEM 6
- hard times** ▶ POOR 5
- hard up** ▶ POOR 2
- hard-bitten** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 5
- hard-hearted** ▶ UNKIND 4
- hard-luck story/sob story**  
 ▶ SYMPATHIZE 8
- hardback** ▶ BOOKS 1
- hardball**  
*play hardball* ▶ DETERMINED 1
- hardcore/hard-core** ▶ EXTREME 2
- harden** ▶ HARD 3
- hardened** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 5
- hardened to**  
*be hardened to* ▶ USED TO/ACCUSTOMED TO 5
- hardline** ▶ EXTREME 1
- hardliner** ▶ EXTREME 2
- hardly** ▶ NOT 2  
*can hardly/barely* ▶ DIFFICULT 10; JUST 5  
*can hardly/can barely/can't keep your eyes open* ▶ TIRED/TIRING 2  
*had hardly/barely* ▶ IMMEDIATELY 2
- hardly any/scarcely any** ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 2
- hardly necessary** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 9
- hardly surprising**  
*not surprising/hardly surprising*  
 ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 7
- hardly the time/place/person**  
 ▶ UNSUITABLE 1
- hardly touch your food/dinner/meal etc** ▶ EAT 7
- hardly/barely any** ▶ LITTLE 2, 3, 7
- hardly/scarcely ever** ▶ RARE/RARELY 3
- hardship** ▶ SUFFER 3
- hardware** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 1
- hardware store** ▶ SHOP/STORE 2
- hardwearing** ▶ STRONG 4
- hardworking** ▶ WORK HARD 4
- hardy** ▶ STRONG 2
- hare-brained** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 2
- harm** ▶ HARM 1  
*be out of harm's way* ▶ SAFE 3  
*come to no harm/not come to any harm*  
 ▶ HURT/INJURE 7  
*do no harm/not do any harm*  
 ▶ HARM 5
- harm yourself** ▶ HARM 2
- harm/damage sb's reputation**  
 ▶ REPUTATION 3
- harmful** ▶ HARM 3, 4; HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 8
- harmless** ▶ HARM 5; SAFE 4
- harmony** ▶ MUSIC 1
- harp on** ▶ TALK 7
- harrowing** ▶ UPSET 4
- harsh** ▶ BRIGHT 1; HORRIBLE 4; STRICT/NOT STRICT 1, 2
- harvest** ▶ GROW 5
- hassle** ▶ PROBLEM 1
- haste**  
*in haste* ▶ HURRY 1
- hasty** ▶ CARELESS 5; HURRY 4
- hatchet**  
*bury the hatchet* ▶ ARGUE 7  
*do a hatchet job on* ▶ CRITICIZE 2
- hate** ▶ HATE 1, 2, 3
- hate crime** ▶ PREJUDICED 2
- hate sb's guts** ▶ HATE 1
- hated** ▶ HATE 4
- hatred** ▶ HATE 3
- haughty** ▶ PROUD 3
- haul** ▶ PULL 3; STEAL 8
- haulage** ▶ TAKE 2
- haunt** ▶ GHOST 2; PLACE 7
- haunted** ▶ GHOST 2  
*be haunted by* ▶ REMEMBER 4
- have** ▶ CAUSE 5, 6; DRINK 1; EAT 1, 2; HAVE/NOT HAVE 1, 2, 4; ILLNESS/DISEASE 2; OFFER 1; OWN 1; PARTY 3; TEST 2  
*have it in for* ▶ DISLIKE 2  
*have it in you* ▶ CAN/CAN'T 1  
*have it out* ▶ DISCUSS 1
- have against**  
*have something against* ▶ DISLIKE 2
- have on** ▶ CLOTHES 6  
*have something on* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 8
- have over**  
*have sb over* ▶ INVITE 1
- have sb on**  
*you're having me on* ▶ JOKE 5
- have-nots**  
*the have-nots* ▶ POOR 4
- haven** ▶ PEACEFUL 3; SAFE 3
- haves**  
*the haves and the have nots* ▶ RICH 4
- havoc**  
*wreak havoc/play havoc* ▶ HARM 1
- hawk** ▶ WAR 7
- hay**  
*make hay while the sun shines*  
 ▶ CHANCE 5
- hazard** ▶ DANGEROUS 6; RISK 1  
*be a hazard* ▶ DANGEROUS 2
- hazardous** ▶ DANGEROUS 1; HARM 4
- hazy** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 8; EXACT/NOT EXACT 7  
*have a hazy/vague recollection*  
 ▶ REMEMBER 3



**head** ▶ END 4; IN CHARGE OF 1, 2; MANAGER 2; MIND 1; POSITION/RANK 4  
*a head* ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 6  
*at the head of sth* ▶ FRONT 4  
*be out of your head/be out of it* ▶ DRUG 4  
*be over sb's head* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 10  
*bury your head in the sand* ▶ IGNORE 3  
*can do sth with your eyes shut/standing on your head/blindfolded* ▶ EASY 4  
*can't make head or/nor tail of* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 10  
*do your head in* ▶ CONFUSED 4  
*get your head round* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 1  
*hang/bow your head (in shame)* ▶ ASHAMED 1  
*have eyes in the back of your head* ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 3  
*have your head screwed on* ▶ SENSIBLE 1  
*keep your head* ▶ CALM 1  
*keep your head above water* ▶ OWE 8; SURVIVE 4  
*let sth go to your head* ▶ PROUD 2  
*need your head examined/have taken leave of your senses* ▶ CRAZY 1  
*nod/nod your head* ▶ SIGN 4  
*off the top of your head* ▶ IMMEDIATELY 3; THINK 6; GUESS 2  
*sb's head is swimming* ▶ BALANCE 6  
*shake your head* ▶ NO 4  
*take it into your head to do sth* ▶ DECIDE 1  
*turn your head* ▶ TURN 6  
**head and shoulders above**  
*be/stand head and shoulders above* ▶ BETTER 2  
**head for**  
*make/head for* ▶ TOWARDS 2  
**head of state** ▶ LEADER 1  
**head off** ▶ STOP 25  
**head office** ▶ MANAGER 4  
**head over heels**  
*go head over heels* ▶ FALL 1  
**head start**  
*have a head start* ▶ ADVANTAGE 5  
**head towards** ▶ TOWARDS 2  
**head-over-heels**  
*fall/be head-over-heels (in love)* ▶ LOVE 2  
**headache**  
*be a headache* ▶ PROBLEM 8  
**headache/toothache/backache/stomach ache** ▶ PAIN 1  
**heading for**  
*be heading for* ▶ PROBABLY 4  
**headline** ▶ NEWSPAPERS 2  
**headlines**  
*hit the headlines/make (the) headlines* ▶ FAMOUS 3; NEWS 5  
*the headlines* ▶ NEWS 2  
**heads**  
*put your heads together* ▶ DISCUSS 1  
**headstrong** ▶ DETERMINED 3  
**headway**  
*make headway* ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 1  
**heady** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 4; SMELL 6

**heal** ▶ CURE 1  
**health** ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 4, 5  
*a fire risk/health risk* ▶ DANGEROUS 2  
*be a picture of health* ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 3  
*be bad for you/be bad for your health* ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 8  
*be good for you/be good for your health* ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 6  
*in good/perfect/excellent health* ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 1  
*in poor health* ▶ ILL/SICK 3  
**healthful** ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 6  
**healthy** ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 1, 2, 6  
**healthy-looking** ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 3  
**heap** ▶ GROUP 12; PUT 4  
**heap/lavish praise on** ▶ PRAISE 2  
**heaps**  
*piles/heaps/stacks* ▶ LOT 1  
**hear** ▶ FIND OUT 1; HEAR 1  
*be heard* ▶ COURT/TRIAL 6  
*can hear* ▶ HEAR 3  
*can't hear* ▶ HEAR 4  
*didn't hear* ▶ HEAR 4  
*you could hear a pin drop* ▶ QUIET 1  
**hear of**  
*won't/wouldn't hear of* ▶ INSIST 1  
**hear sb out** ▶ LISTEN 1  
**hear sth on/through the grapevine** ▶ RUMOUR 1  
**hear through/on the grapevine** ▶ FIND OUT 1  
**hearing** ▶ HEAR 2  
*be hard of hearing* ▶ HEAR 6  
**hearing impaired** ▶ HEAR 6  
**hearsay** ▶ RUMOUR 1  
**heart** ▶ MAIN 2  
*a man/woman after your own heart* ▶ LIKE 7  
*at heart* ▶ CHARACTER 3  
*break sb's heart* ▶ SAD 5  
*change of heart* ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 25  
*cross my heart* ▶ PROMISE 3  
*from the heart* ▶ REAL 3  
*know sth by heart* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 6  
*lose heart* ▶ HOPE 8  
*my heart bleeds (for sb)* ▶ SYMPATHIZE 2  
*my heart goes out to* ▶ SYMPATHIZE 1  
*pour out your heart/soul* ▶ TELL 8  
*sb's heart is in the right place* ▶ KIND 1  
*set your heart on* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 3  
*take heart* ▶ HAPPY 6  
*take sth to heart* ▶ UPSET 3  
*the heart of* ▶ MIDDLE 1  
*your heart's not in it* ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/UNENTHUSIASTIC 5  
**heart-rending**  
*heartbreaking/heart-rending* ▶ SAD 4  
**heart-to-heart**  
*have a heart-to-heart talk/heart-to-heart* ▶ TALK 2  
**heartache** ▶ SAD 8  
**heartbreaking/heart-rending** ▶ SAD 4  
**heartbroken** ▶ SAD 3

**heartened**  
*be heartened/be cheered* ▶ HAPPY 6  
**heartening** ▶ HAPPY 5  
**heartfelt** ▶ REAL 3  
**heartless** ▶ CRUEL 1  
**hearts**  
*win hearts and minds* ▶ PERSUADE 4  
*win the hearts of* ▶ LIKE 9  
**heartwarming** ▶ HAPPY 9  
**heat** ▶ HOT 1, 8, 10  
*the heat* ▶ HOT 3  
**heat of the moment**  
*in the heat of the moment* ▶ THINK 6  
**heat sth through** ▶ HOT 8  
**heat up** ▶ HOT 7  
**heat/warm up** ▶ HOT 8  
**heated** ▶ ANGRY 5  
**heatwave** ▶ HOT 3  
**heave** ▶ PULL 3  
*retch/heave* ▶ SICK/VOMIT 1  
**heaven**  
*God knows/heaven knows* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 18  
*God/heaven forbid!* ▶ HOPE 7  
**heavy** ▶ FOOD 6; HEAVY 1; LOT 1, 10; MEAL 8; STRICT/NOT STRICT 5; THICK 1  
*how heavy* ▶ HEAVY 2; WEIGH 1  
**heavy smoker** ▶ SMOKING 3  
**heavy-duty** ▶ STRONG 4  
**heavyweight** ▶ IMPORTANT 4  
**heckle** ▶ INTERRUPT 2  
**hectic** ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 2, 5  
**heel**  
*turn on your heel* ▶ TURN 6  
**heels**  
*be on/at sb's heels* ▶ FOLLOW 3  
*go head over heels* ▶ FALL 1  
*on the heels of sth* ▶ AFTER 5  
*take to your heels* ▶ ESCAPE 1  
**hefty** ▶ BIG 5; FAT 1  
**height** ▶ HIGH 3; TALL 2  
*be at the height of your powers* ▶ BEST 4  
*draw/pull yourself up to your full height* ▶ STAND 3  
*gain height* ▶ UP 3  
**heighten** ▶ INCREASE 14  
**heightened** ▶ MORE 5  
**heights**  
*be afraid/scared of heights* ▶ HIGH 6  
*fear of heights* ▶ HIGH 6  
**hell**  
*(just) for the hell of it* ▶ ENJOY 6  
*come hell or high water* ▶ DETERMINED 4  
*give sb hell* ▶ TELL SB OFF 2  
**hellbent**  
*be hellbent on* ▶ DETERMINED 4  
**hello** ▶ HELLO 1, 2  
*say hello* ▶ HELLO 3, 4  
**help** ▶ HELP 1, 3, 4, 6  
*be (of) no help* ▶ USELESS 1  
*be a help* ▶ HELP 4, 7  
*be helping police with their inquiries* ▶ ASK 4  
*be no help/not be any help/not be much help* ▶ HELP 8  
*can't help it* ▶ FAULT 4  
*give help/assistance/support* ▶ HELP 1  
**help out** ▶ HELP 1  
**help yourself** ▶ LET/ALLOW 3; OFFER 1



**help yourself to** ▶ STEAL 1  
**helper** ▶ HELP 5  
**helpful** ▶ HELP 4, 7; USEFUL 1  
    *not helpful/unhelpful* ▶ HELP 8  
**helping** ▶ FOOD 5  
**helpless** ▶ HELP 9  
**hen night/hen party** ▶ MARRY 7  
**herald** ▶ SHOW 12  
**here** ▶ HERE/NOT HERE 1  
    *be here* ▶ ARRIVE 1; HERE/NOT  
        HERE 2  
    *be neither here nor there*  
        ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 7  
    *not be here* ▶ HERE/NOT HERE 3  
**here we go again** ▶ AGAIN 2  
**here's to ...** ▶ DRINK 11  
**here,**  
    *here, there and everywhere*  
        ▶ EVERYWHERE 2  
**heritage** ▶ TRADITION 2  
**hero** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 4; STORY 3  
**hero-worship** ▶ ADMIRE 2  
**hero/heroine** ▶ ADMIRE 3; BOOKS 7;  
    BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 1  
**heroic** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 1  
**heroine** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 4;  
    STORY 3  
    *hero/heroine* ▶ ADMIRE 3; BOOKS 7;  
        BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 1  
**herring**  
    *red herring* ▶ CONNECTED WITH/  
        RELATED 7  
**hesitant** ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 4  
**hesitate** ▶ PAUSE 1  
**het up**  
    *get het up* ▶ UPSET 3  
**heterosexual** ▶ GAY 2  
**Hi** ▶ LETTER 2  
**hi** ▶ HELLO 1  
    *say hello/say hi (for sb)* ▶ HELLO 3  
**hi there** ▶ HELLO 1  
**hi-tech**  
    *high-tech/hi-tech* ▶ ADVANCED 1  
**hiccup** ▶ PROBLEM 1  
**hidden** ▶ HIDE 6, 9  
**hide** ▶ HIDE 1, 2, 4, 7, 8  
    *can't hide* ▶ SHOW 14  
    *place to hide* ▶ HIDE 5  
**hidebound** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
    CHANGE 29  
**hideous** ▶ UGLY 1, 3  
**hideout** ▶ HIDE 5  
**hiding**  
    *go into hiding* ▶ HIDE 2  
**hiding place** ▶ HIDE 5  
**hierarchy** ▶ POSITION/RANK 1  
**high** ▶ BIG 5; DRUG 4; EXPENSIVE 1;  
    HIGH 1, 2, 7, 8; LOT 11; VOICE 3  
    *30 metres/100 feet etc high* ▶ HIGH 3  
    *be 5 metres high/2 miles long/6*  
        *centimetres wide etc* ▶ SIZE 3  
    *be high in/on* ▶ POSITION/RANK 2  
    *be high up* ▶ POSITION/RANK 2  
    *have a high opinion of* ▶ ADMIRE 1  
    *how high* ▶ HIGH 3  
**high flyer** ▶ SUCCEED/  
    SUCCESSFUL 10  
**high hopes**  
    *have high hopes* ▶ HOPE 1  
**high life**  
    *live the high life* ▶ SPEND MONEY/  
        TIME 2

**high point/spot** ▶ EXCITED/  
    EXCITING 5; BEST 3  
**high price**  
    *be a high price to pay* ▶ HAVE/NOT  
        HAVE 10  
**high school** ▶ SCHOOL/  
    UNIVERSITY 4  
**high speed**  
    *at high speed* ▶ FAST 1  
**high spirits** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 6  
**high street** ▶ ROAD/PATH 1  
**high-pitched** ▶ HIGH 7; VOICE 3  
**high-profile** ▶ FAMOUS 2  
**high-ranking/top ranking**  
    ▶ POSITION/RANK 4  
**high-rise** ▶ HIGH 2  
**high-risk** ▶ DANGEROUS 1; RISK 2, 6  
**high-speed** ▶ FAST 2  
**high-tech/hi-tech** ▶ ADVANCED 1  
**highbrow** ▶ INTELLIGENT 9  
**higher** ▶ MORE 4, 6  
    *of a higher standard/of higher*  
        *quality* ▶ BETTER 1  
**higher and higher** ▶ UP 1  
**higher education** ▶ SCHOOL/  
    UNIVERSITY 5  
**highlight** ▶ ATTENTION 7; BEST 3;  
    COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 4;  
    EMPHASIZE 1; EXCITED/EXCITING 5  
**highly** ▶ VERY 1  
    *speak highly of* ▶ PRAISE 1  
    *think highly of* ▶ ADMIRE 1  
**highly regarded/respected**  
    ▶ ADMIRE 1  
**highly-paid/well-paid** ▶ EARN 4, 5  
**highly-strung** ▶ NERVOUS 3  
**highway** ▶ ROAD/PATH 3  
**hike** ▶ INCREASE 11; WALK 11, 15  
**hiker**  
    *walker/hiker* ▶ WALK 18  
**hilarious** ▶ FUNNY 1  
**hill**  
    *be over the hill* ▶ OLD 3  
**hills**  
    *be as old as the hills* ▶ OLD 8  
**hilly** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 8  
**hind leg**  
    *can talk the hind leg off a donkey*  
        ▶ TALK 12  
**hinder** ▶ PROBLEM 9  
**hindrance** ▶ PROBLEM 3  
**hinge on/hang on** ▶ DEPEND/IT  
    DEPENDS 1  
**hint** ▶ SAY 6; TASTE 1  
    *a touch/hint/trace of sth* ▶ LITTLE 7  
    *drop a hint* ▶ SAY 6  
**hip** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
    FASHIONABLE 1  
**hire out** ▶ LEND 2  
**hiss** ▶ CLAP 3; SOUND 11  
**historic** ▶ IMPORTANT 1  
**history** ▶ PAST 2  
    *in history* ▶ EVER 1  
    *rewrite history* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
        CHANGE 10  
**hit** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 8;  
    HARM 1; HIT 1, 3, 4, 8; POPULAR 2;  
    REACH 2; REALIZE 1; SCORE 1  
    *be hit* ▶ SHOOT 2  
**hit back/strike back** ▶ ATTACK 4  
**hit it off** ▶ FRIEND 5; LIKE 7  
**hit on/upon** ▶ IDEA 4  
**hit the bottle** ▶ DRUNK 4

**hit the headlines/make (the)**  
    **headlines** ▶ FAMOUS 3; NEWS 5  
**hit the nail on the head/put your**  
    **finger on it** ▶ RIGHT 2  
**hit the road** ▶ START 4  
**hit the sack** ▶ SLEEP 4  
**hit/reach rock bottom** ▶ WORSE 4  
**hitch** ▶ PROBLEM 1  
    *without a hitch* ▶ SUCCEED/  
        SUCCESSFUL 4  
**hitchhike/hitch** ▶ TRAVEL 3  
**hitman/contract killer** ▶ KILL 6  
**hoard** ▶ KEEP 5, 7  
**hoarding** ▶ ADVERTISING 3  
**hoarse** ▶ VOICE 2  
**hoax** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 3  
**hobble** ▶ WALK 5  
**hobby** ▶ DO/NOT DO 8; INTERESTED 7  
**hoist** ▶ LIFT 1  
**hold** ▶ CONTAIN 2; HOLD 1, 6, 8;  
    KEEP 2, 9; OWN 1; PARTY 3; PRISON 3;  
    SPACE 3  
    *can hold your drink* ▶ DRUNK 10  
    *get hold of* ▶ CONTACT 3; GET 3  
    *get/take hold of* ▶ HOLD 3  
    *have a hold on/over* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
        CONTROL 3  
    *on hold* ▶ TELEPHONE 8  
**hold (down) a job** ▶ JOB 4  
**hold all the cards** ▶ ADVANTAGE 5  
**hold back** ▶ DO/NOT DO 14;  
    STOP 13, 24, 28  
**hold forth** ▶ TALK 7  
**hold it against** ▶ FORGIVE/NOT  
    FORGIVE 4  
**hold off** ▶ DEFEND 1  
**hold office** ▶ GOVERNMENT 7  
**hold on** ▶ WAIT 2  
**hold on to/hang on to** ▶ KEEP 1, 4  
**hold on/hang on** ▶ HOLD 2; WAIT 1  
**hold out against** ▶ FIGHT 8  
**hold out on** ▶ TELL 14  
**hold sb prisoner/captive/hostage**  
    ▶ KEEP 9  
**hold sb responsible** ▶ BLAME 1  
**hold sb to** ▶ PROMISE 4  
**hold sb to ransom** ▶ THREATEN 1  
**hold sb's hand** ▶ HOLD 7  
**hold sway** ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
    CONTROL 6  
**hold up** ▶ DELAY 1, 2; STEAL 2;  
    SUPPORT 7  
    *stand/hold up* ▶ TRUE 2  
**hold water**  
    *not hold water* ▶ LOGICAL 4  
**hold with**  
    *not hold with* ▶ DISAPPROVE 1  
**hold your attention**  
    ▶ INTERESTING 1  
**hold your breath** ▶ WAIT 6  
**hold your horses** ▶ WAIT 2  
**hold-up/holdup** ▶ DELAY 4; STEAL 7  
**hold/keep sb in custody** ▶ KEEP 9  
**hole** ▶ HOLE 1, 2, 5  
    *drill a hole* ▶ HOLE 8  
    *make a hole in* ▶ HOLE 8  
**hole in the ozone layer**  
    ▶ ENVIRONMENT 5  
**hole up** ▶ HIDE 2  
**holes**  
    *be full of holes* ▶ HOLE 6  
    *pick holes in* ▶ CRITICIZE 4  
    *riddled with holes* ▶ HOLE 6



**holiday** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 1, 2, 3  
*go on holiday* ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 5  
**holiday camp** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6  
**holiday home** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6  
**holidaymaker** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 4  
**holier-than-thou** ▶ GOOD 15  
**hollow out** ▶ HOLE 7  
**holy** ▶ RELIGION 4  
**home** ▶ COME FROM 2; HOME 1, 4, 5; HOUSE 3; TOWN 4  
*at home* ▶ COUNTRY 10; HOME 3  
*be on the last lap/in the home stretch* ▶ FINISH 2  
*be/feel at home with* ▶ USED TO/ACCUSTOMED TO 1  
*bring sth home to* ▶ REALIZE 1  
*drive the point home/drive home the point* ▶ EMPHASIZE 1  
*feel at home* ▶ RELAX/RELAXED 3  
*get in/get home* ▶ RETURN 1  
*go home* ▶ RETURN 1  
*leave home* ▶ LEAVE 14  
*romp home* ▶ WIN 4  
*scrape home* ▶ WIN 5  
*take home* ▶ EARN 2  
**home country** ▶ COUNTRY 7  
**home page** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 8  
**home town** ▶ COME FROM 2; TOWN 4  
**home truths** ▶ TRUE 7  
**home-owner** ▶ OWN 3  
**homecoming** ▶ RETURN 3  
**homeless** ▶ HOME 8  
*the homeless* ▶ HOME 9  
**homely** ▶ UGLY 2  
**homemade** ▶ MAKE 5  
**homesick** ▶ SAD 1  
**homework** ▶ STUDY 4; WORK 2  
**homicide** ▶ KILL 2  
**homogeneous** ▶ SAME 6  
**homophobia** ▶ GAY 1; PREJUDICED 2  
**homophobic** ▶ PREJUDICED 1  
**homosexual** ▶ GAY 1  
**honest** ▶ HONEST 1, 2  
*to be honest (with you)/in all honesty* ▶ HONEST 4  
*to be honest/to tell the truth* ▶ ADMIT 3  
**honestly** ▶ TRUE 6  
**honesty** ▶ HONEST 5  
*to be honest (with you)/in all honesty* ▶ HONEST 4  
**honeymoon** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 3; MARRY 7  
**honeymooner** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 4  
**honk** ▶ SOUND 13  
**honour**  
*do sth in sb's honour* ▶ CELEBRATE 1  
**honourable** ▶ GOOD 9  
**hook**  
*off the hook* ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 4  
**hook up** ▶ MEET 1  
**hook, line, and sinker** ▶ BELIEVE 2  
**hooked** ▶ ADDICTED 1  
**hooker** ▶ SEX 14  
**hooligan** ▶ VIOLENT 2  
**hoot** ▶ SOUND 13  
*be a hoot* ▶ FUNNY 1

**hop** ▶ JUMP 1  
*catch sb on the hop* ▶ READY/NOT READY 6  
**hop on/in/into** ▶ GET ON OR OFF A BUS, PLANE ETC 1  
**hope** ▶ HOPE 1, 3  
*a glimmer of hope/a ray of hope* ▶ HOPE 6  
*I hope not* ▶ HOPE 7  
*in the hope that* ▶ HOPE 1  
*let's hope* ▶ HOPE 2  
*lose hope/give up hope* ▶ HOPE 8  
*not stand a chance/not have a hope* ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 1  
*offer hope* ▶ HOPE 6  
*there is no hope* ▶ HOPE 9  
**hope against hope (that)/cling to the hope that** ▶ HOPE 4  
**hope for the best** ▶ HOPE 1  
**hopeful** ▶ HOPE 1, 6  
**hopefully** ▶ HOPE 2  
**hopeless** ▶ HOPE 9; IMPOSSIBLE 1  
*terrible/awful/hopeless* ▶ BAD AT DOING STH 2  
**hopelessness** ▶ HOPE 10  
**hopes**  
*dash (sb's) hopes* ▶ DISAPPOINTED 3; HOPE 8  
*get your hopes up* ▶ HOPE 4  
*have high hopes* ▶ HOPE 1  
*pin your hopes on* ▶ HOPE 1  
*raise hopes* ▶ HOPE 6  
**hopes are fading** ▶ HOPE 8  
**horde/hordes** ▶ CROWD 1  
**horizon**  
*be on the horizon* ▶ FUTURE 5  
*on the horizon* ▶ FAR 2  
**horizontal** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 2  
**horny** ▶ SEX 10  
**horrendous** ▶ BAD 4  
**horrible** ▶ HORRIBLE 1, 2  
*awful/terrible/horrible* ▶ WEATHER 5  
**horrible/disgusting/revolting** ▶ HORRIBLE 3  
**horrific** ▶ BAD 4  
**horrified** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 1  
**horror** ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 8, 9, 10; SHOCKED/SHOCKING 5  
**horror film/horror movie** ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2  
**horses**  
*hold your horses* ▶ WAIT 2  
**hospice** ▶ HOSPITAL 1  
**hospitable** ▶ FRIENDLY 1  
**hospital** ▶ HOSPITAL 1  
*mental hospital* ▶ HOSPITAL 2  
*psychiatric hospital* ▶ HOSPITAL 2  
**host** ▶ PARTY 3, 5; TELEVISION/RADIO 7, 8  
*a host of* ▶ LOT 2  
**hostage** ▶ KEEP 10; PRISON 7  
*hold sb prisoner/captive/hostage* ▶ KEEP 9  
*take sb hostage* ▶ PRISON 3; TAKE 8  
**hostel/youth hostel** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6  
**hostess** ▶ PARTY 5  
**hostile** ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 1; DIFFICULT 9; ENEMY 1; UNFRIENDLY 1  
**hostilities** ▶ WAR 1  
**hostility** ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 3

**hot** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 1; HOT 1, 2, 3, 5; TASTE 6; WEATHER 7  
*baking/baking hot* ▶ HOT 3  
*be hot off the press* ▶ NEW 1  
*be selling like hot cakes* ▶ SELL 12  
*blow hot and cold* ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 26  
*boiling/boiling hot* ▶ HOT 1, 3  
*get hot/warm/hotter/warmer* ▶ HOT 7  
*piping hot* ▶ HOT 2  
*scalding/scalding hot* ▶ HOT 1, 2  
*steaming/steaming hot* ▶ HOT 2  
*stifling/stifling hot* ▶ HOT 3  
**hot potato** ▶ DIFFICULT 5  
**hotbed**  
*be a hotbed of* ▶ LOT 13  
**hound** ▶ FOLLOW 2  
**hour** ▶ TIME 4  
*at the eleventh hour* ▶ ON TIME 3  
**hourly/daily/weekly/monthly etc** ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 1  
**hours** ▶ TIME 4  
*for days/hours/miles etc on end* ▶ CONTINUE 5  
*the early hours* ▶ LATE 7  
*till all hours* ▶ LATE 7  
**hours/months/years etc** ▶ LONG 6  
**hours/weeks/years** ▶ TIME 10  
**house** ▶ HOME 7; HOUSE 1  
*be on the house* ▶ FREE 1  
*boarding house* ▶ STAY 7  
*move house* ▶ LEAVE 15  
*set up house* ▶ LIVE 2  
**household name** ▶ FAMOUS 5  
**householder** ▶ OWN 3  
**houseproud** ▶ TIDY 3  
**housework** ▶ CLEAN 4; WORK 3  
**housing** ▶ HOUSE 3  
**housing project/projects** ▶ HOUSE 3  
**how** ▶ WAY 6  
*don't ask me/how should I know?* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 12  
*see how things go* ▶ WAIT 2  
**how about/what about** ▶ SUGGEST 5  
**how are you?/how are you doing?** ▶ HELLO 1  
**how do you do** ▶ HELLO 2  
**how far** ▶ DISTANCE 1  
**how long** ▶ TIME 7  
**how many** ▶ AMOUNT 2  
**how many times** ▶ OFTEN 5  
**how much** ▶ AMOUNT 1; COST 2  
**how often** ▶ OFTEN 5  
**how sb does sth** ▶ WAY 7  
**how to do sth** ▶ WAY 2  
**how to get** ▶ WAY 9  
**however** ▶ NO MATTER WHAT/HOW MUCH ETC 1  
**however/nevertheless/nonetheless** ▶ BUT 1  
**howl**  
*roar/howl/shriek etc with laughter* ▶ LAUGH 3  
**howler** ▶ MISTAKE 1  
**hubbub** ▶ LOUD 3  
**huddle** ▶ GROUP 9  
**hue** ▶ COLOUR 1  
**huff**  
*be in a huff* ▶ ANGRY 3  
**hug** ▶ HOLD 6; NEAR 10



**huge/enormous** ▶ BIG 2, 3, 4, 6  
**huge/enormous/immense** ▶ BIG 7  
**hugely**  
*enormously/hugely* ▶ VERY 2  
**hum** ▶ SING 2; SOUND 12  
**human** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 5  
*it's human nature (to do sth)*  
 ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 4  
*the human race* ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 2  
**human being/human** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 1  
**human habitation** ▶ LIVE 6  
**human rights** ▶ RIGHT 10  
**humane** ▶ CRUEL 6  
**humanity** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 2  
**humankind**  
*mankind/humankind* ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 2  
**humble** ▶ CLASS 7; MODEST 1  
*eat humble pie* ▶ ADMIT 7  
**humdrum** ▶ BORING/BORED 1  
**humid** ▶ WEATHER 7; WET 3  
*muggy/humid* ▶ HOT 3  
**humiliate** ▶ ASHAMED 3  
**humiliated** ▶ ASHAMED 1  
**humiliating** ▶ ASHAMED 3  
**humiliation** ▶ ASHAMED 2  
**humility** ▶ MODEST 3  
**humorous** ▶ FUNNY 1  
**humour** ▶ FUNNY 5  
*have no sense of humour*  
 ▶ SERIOUS 6  
*sense of humour* ▶ FUNNY 6  
**humourless** ▶ SERIOUS 6  
**hunch** ▶ GUESS 6  
**hundreds**  
*by the hundreds/thousands* ▶ LOT 7  
**hundreds/thousands** ▶ LOT 3  
**hundreds/thousands of times**  
 ▶ OFTEN 1  
**hunger** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 3, 6  
**hunger strike**  
*go on (a) hunger strike* ▶ EAT 9  
**hungry** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 1, 5  
*get hungry* ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 4  
*not be hungry* ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 2  
**hunk** ▶ PIECE 3  
**hunky** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 2  
**hunt** ▶ LOOK FOR 1, 4, 7  
**hunt down** ▶ CATCH 5  
**hunting** ▶ LOOK FOR 2  
**hurdle** ▶ PROBLEM 3  
**hurl** ▶ THROW 1  
**hurricane/typhoon** ▶ WEATHER 13  
**hurried** ▶ HURRY 4  
**hurriedly** ▶ HURRY 1  
**hurry** ▶ HURRY 1  
*be in a hurry* ▶ HURRY 5  
*be in no hurry/not be in any hurry*  
 ▶ HURRY 7; SLOW 3  
*in a hurry/in a rush* ▶ HURRY 1  
*there's no hurry/there's no rush*  
 ▶ HURRY 6  
*what's the hurry?/what's the rush?*  
 ▶ HURRY 6  
**hurry sb up** ▶ HURRY 3  
**hurry through/rush through**  
 ▶ HURRY 1  
**hurry up** ▶ HURRY 2

**hurt** ▶ HARM 1; HURT/INJURE 2, 3;  
 PAIN 2, 4; UPSET 1, 2  
*be injured/be hurt* ▶ HURT/INJURE 1  
*not hurt* ▶ PAIN 5  
**hurt sb's feelings** ▶ UPSET 2  
**husband** ▶ MARRY 10  
**husband-to-be**  
*bride-to-be/husband-to-be*  
 ▶ MARRY 6  
**hush** ▶ QUIET 2, 6  
**hush-hush** ▶ SECRET 1  
**hushed** ▶ QUIET 3  
**husky** ▶ LOW 2; VOICE 2  
**hustle** ▶ PUSH 1  
*the hustle and bustle* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 5  
**hybrid** ▶ MIX 6  
**hygiene** ▶ CLEAN 3  
**hygienic** ▶ CLEAN 2  
**hype** ▶ ADVERTISING 2  
**hype/hype up** ▶ ADVERTISING 1  
**hyper** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 2  
**hyperactive** ▶ ENERGETIC 1  
**hyperlink**  
*link/hyperlink* ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 8  
**hypochondriac** ▶ ILL/SICK 4  
**hypocritical** ▶ PRETEND 5  
**hypothesis** ▶ IDEA 3  
**hysteria** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 6  
**hysterical** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 2  
**hysterically**  
*laugh helplessly/uncontrollably/hysterically* ▶ LAUGH 4  
**hysterics**  
*have hysterics* ▶ LAUGH 4  
*have sb in hysterics/stitches*  
 ▶ LAUGH 5

## I

**ice**  
*put sth on ice/put sth on the back burner* ▶ LATER 2  
**ice-cold** ▶ COLD 7  
**icy** ▶ WEATHER 10  
**idea** ▶ IDEA 1, 3; PURPOSE 1  
*be a good idea* ▶ SENSIBLE 2  
*bright idea* ▶ IDEA 2; INTELLIGENT 8  
*get an idea* ▶ IDEA 4  
*get the impression/feeling/idea*  
 ▶ THINK 12  
*good/great/fantastic etc idea*  
 ▶ IDEA 2  
*have an idea* ▶ IDEA 4; THINK 7  
*have no idea/not have a clue*  
 ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 12, 14, 15  
*it's/that's a good idea* ▶ SHOULD/ought to 2  
*not have the faintest/slightest/foggiest idea* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 12  
*toy with the idea of* ▶ THINK 3  
**ideal** ▶ BEST 1; PERFECT 2, 7; SUITABLE 2  
**ideal world**  
*in an ideal world/in a perfect world*  
 ▶ PERFECT 4  
**idealize** ▶ PERFECT 8  
**idealized** ▶ PERFECT 7  
**ideally** ▶ PERFECT 4  
**ideally suited**  
*be ideally suited* ▶ SUITABLE 3  
**ideas** ▶ OPINION 1  
*full of ideas* ▶ IDEA 5  
*have fixed ideas* ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 29  
**identical** ▶ SAME 2  
**identify** ▶ FIND OUT 4; NAME 7; RECOGNIZE 1  
**identify with** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 8  
**identity** ▶ CHARACTER 4  
**idiom** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 1  
**idiot** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 6  
*any fool/idiot* ▶ ANYTHING/ANYBODY 2  
**idiot/fool** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 4  
**idiotic** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 2  
**idle** ▶ DO/NOT DO 17; LAZY 1; USE 14  
**idol** ▶ ADMIRE 3  
**idolize** ▶ ADMIRE 2  
**idyllic** ▶ HAPPY 8  
**if** ▶ IF 1, 3  
*even if* ▶ IF 1  
*if I were you* ▶ ADVISE 2  
*if it had not been for* ▶ IF 6  
*if it wasn't/weren't for* ▶ IF 6  
*if not* ▶ IF 4  
**iffy** ▶ UNCERTAIN 2  
**ignite** ▶ BURN 3, 7  
**ignorance** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 19  
**ignorant** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 19  
**ignore** ▶ IGNORE 1, 2  
**ilk**  
*of that/his/their etc ilk* ▶ TYPE 1  
**ill** ▶ ILL/SICK 1  
*be taken ill* ▶ ILL/SICK 6  
*bode well/ill* ▶ SHOW 12  
*fall ill* ▶ ILL/SICK 6  
*feel ill* ▶ ILL/SICK 5  
*get/become ill* ▶ ILL/SICK 6  
*mentally ill* ▶ MENTALLY ILL 1  
**ill-advised** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 1  
**ill-equipped**  
*not be equipped/be ill-equipped*  
 ▶ CAN/CAN'T 6  
**ill-informed** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 19  
**ill-mannered**  
*bad-mannered/ill-mannered*  
 ▶ RUDE 1  
**ill-matched** ▶ UNSUITABLE 4  
**ill-suited to sth/not suited to sth**  
 ▶ UNSUITABLE 2  
**ill-timed**  
*badly timed/ill-timed* ▶ TIME 15  
**ill-treat**  
*mistreat/ill-treat* ▶ CRUEL 5  
**ill-treatment**  
*mistreatment/ill-treatment/maltreatment* ▶ CRUEL 4  
**illegal** ▶ FORBID 6; ILLEGAL 1  
**illegal substance** ▶ DRUG 2  
**illegible** ▶ READ 12  
**illicit** ▶ ILLEGAL 1  
**illiteracy** ▶ READ 10  
**illiterate** ▶ READ 10  
**illness** ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 1  
*mental illness* ▶ MENTALLY ILL 2  
**illogical** ▶ LOGICAL 4  
**illuminate** ▶ LIGHT 2  
**illusion** ▶ BELIEVE 9; SEE 7  
**illustrate** ▶ SHOW 8  
**illustration** ▶ PICTURE 1  
*by way of illustration* ▶ EXAMPLE 3



- IM**  
*instant-message/IM* ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 9
- image** ▶ LOOK 9; PICTURE 4; REPUTATION 1  
*be the spitting image of* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 4  
*spoil sb's image* ▶ SPOIL 5
- imaginary** ▶ IMAGINE 4
- imagination** ▶ IMAGINE 5  
*by any/by no stretch of the imagination* ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 2  
*figment of your imagination* ▶ IMAGINE 3
- imaginative/inventive** ▶ IDEA 5, 6
- imagine** ▶ IMAGINE 1, 3  
*I can't think/can't imagine* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 10  
*I imagine* ▶ THINK 12
- imbalance** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 8
- imitate** ▶ COPY 6, 10
- imitation** ▶ ARTIFICIAL 2; COPY 4  
*do an impression/imitation* ▶ COPY 10
- immaculate** ▶ CLEAN 1; TIDY 1, 4
- immature** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 3
- immediate** ▶ IMMEDIATELY 4
- immediately** ▶ IMMEDIATELY 1, 2
- immemorial**  
*since/from time immemorial* ▶ ALWAYS 5
- immense** ▶ BIG 3  
*huge/enormous/immense* ▶ BIG 7
- immerse yourself in** ▶ ATTENTION 3
- immigrant** ▶ ENTER 6
- immigrate** ▶ ENTER 5
- immigration** ▶ ENTER 6
- imminent** ▶ SOON 3
- immobile** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 11
- immobilize** ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 5
- immoral** ▶ BAD 5, 9
- immorality** ▶ BAD 10
- immortal** ▶ LONG 11
- impact** ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 1, 4; HIT 10  
*have a negative impact on* ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 2  
*have an impact* ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 1
- impair** ▶ HARM 1
- impaired**  
*hearing impaired* ▶ HEAR 6  
*visually impaired* ▶ SEE 12
- impartial** ▶ FAIR 3
- impasse** ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 5
- impassioned** ▶ FEEL 9
- impassive** ▶ EXPRESSION ON SB'S FACE 3; FEEL 13
- impatient** ▶ WAIT 6
- impeach** ▶ ACCUSE 2
- impeccable** ▶ PERFECT 1
- impede** ▶ PROBLEM 9
- impelled**  
*feel impelled to do sth* ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 3
- impending** ▶ SOON 4
- imperfect** ▶ PERFECT 5
- impersonal** ▶ UNFRIENDLY 4
- impersonate** ▶ COPY 6; PRETEND 2
- impersonation**  
*do an impersonation/do an impression* ▶ PRETEND 2
- impertinent** ▶ RUDE 2
- impetuous** ▶ CARELESS 5
- impetus** ▶ CAUSE 10
- implausible** ▶ BELIEVE 6
- implement** ▶ DO/NOT DO 2; TOOL 1
- implicate** ▶ GUILTY 3; SHOW 9
- implication** ▶ MEANING 5
- implications** ▶ RESULT 2  
*the implications* ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 4
- imply** ▶ MEANING 5; SAY 6; SHOW 9
- impolite/not polite** ▶ RUDE 1
- import** ▶ BUY 2
- importance**  
*be of no importance* ▶ UNIMPORTANT 1  
*be of secondary/minor/less etc importance* ▶ UNIMPORTANT 3  
*of importance* ▶ IMPORTANT 1
- important** ▶ IMPORTANT 1, 2, 4, 5  
*not important/unimportant* ▶ UNIMPORTANT 1, 4  
*the most important* ▶ IMPORTANT 3
- impose** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 4
- imposing** ▶ IMPRESS 4
- impossibility** ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 1
- impossible** ▶ DIFFICULT 7; IMPOSSIBLE 1, 2  
*be in an impossible position* ▶ PROBLEM 7
- impostor** ▶ PRETEND 3
- impound** ▶ TAKE 9
- impoverished** ▶ POOR 1
- impractical** ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 1
- imprecise** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 3
- impress** ▶ IMPRESS 1  
*not impress/fail to impress* ▶ IMPRESS 5
- impressed**  
*be impressed* ▶ IMPRESS 3
- impression** ▶ SEEM 5  
*be under the impression (that)* ▶ THINK 11  
*do an impersonation/do an impression* ▶ PRETEND 2  
*do an impression/imitation* ▶ COPY 10  
*get the impression/feeling/idea* ▶ THINK 12  
*give the impression* ▶ SEEM 1; SHOW 9  
*make a good impression* ▶ IMPRESS 1  
*make an impression* ▶ IMPRESS 1
- impressionable** ▶ PERSUADE 10
- impressive** ▶ GOOD 4; IMPRESS 4
- imprison** ▶ PRISON 2
- imprisoned**  
*be imprisoned* ▶ ESCAPE 7
- imprisonment** ▶ KEEP 11; PRISON 8
- improbable** ▶ BELIEVE 6; PROBABLY 8
- impromptu** ▶ PLAN 10
- improve** ▶ IMPROVE 1, 2; RECOVER 1
- improve on/upon** ▶ BETTER 5
- improve/increase efficiency** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 4
- improved** ▶ BETTER 4
- improvement** ▶ IMPROVE 5  
*be an improvement on* ▶ BETTER 4
- improvements**  
*make improvements* ▶ IMPROVE 2
- improvise** ▶ MAKE 2; MUSIC 3; PERFORM/PERFORMANCE 2
- impudent** ▶ RUDE 2
- impulse** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 7
- impulsive** ▶ CARELESS 5
- impunity**  
*with impunity* ▶ PUNISH 7
- impure** ▶ PURE 3
- impurity** ▶ PURE 3
- in** ▶ AFTER 2; CLOTHES 6; DURING 1; FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 1; IN/INSIDE 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; LATER 1; U PLACE 4; TIME 4  
*be in* ▶ ARRIVE 2  
*be in for* ▶ PROBABLY 4  
*be in sth* ▶ PERFORM/PERFORMANCE 1  
*be out/not be in* ▶ HERE/NOT HERE 3  
*in your teens/20s/thirties/40s etc* ▶ AGE 2
- in addition (to)** ▶ AND/ALSO 1
- in case** ▶ IF 1
- in case of** ▶ IF 1
- in fact** ▶ ACTUALLY 1
- in front of**  
*smack in the middle of sth/smack in front of sth* ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 4
- in order** ▶ ORDER 4
- in order to do sth** ▶ IN ORDER TO 1
- in spite of/despite** ▶ ALTHOUGH 2
- in-crowd** ▶ GROUP 6
- in-depth** ▶ COMPLETE/NOT COMPLETE 2; DETAIL 4
- in-house** ▶ IN/INSIDE 5
- in-laws** ▶ FAMILY 5
- inability to do sth** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 6
- inaccessible** ▶ REACH 5
- inaccurate** ▶ WRONG 1
- inactive** ▶ DO/NOT DO 17
- inadequate** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 5; GOOD ENOUGH 4
- inadvertently** ▶ ACCIDENTALLY 2
- inane** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 2
- inanimate** ▶ ALIVE 4
- inappropriate/not appropriate** ▶ UNSUITABLE 1
- inarticulate** ▶ EXPRESS 3
- inattentive** ▶ ATTENTION 4
- inaudible** ▶ HEAR 4; QUIET 3
- inaugural** ▶ FIRST 4
- incapable**  
*be incapable/not be capable* ▶ CAN/CAN'T 6
- incarcerate** ▶ PRISON 2
- incensed** ▶ ANGRY 2
- incentive** ▶ PERSUADE 8
- inception** ▶ START 15
- incessant** ▶ ALWAYS 2; CONTINUE 7
- inch** ▶ SLOW 6  
*come within an inch/inches of* ▶ ALMOST 5
- inches**  
*be 10 metres by 5 metres/be 10 inches by 8 inches etc* ▶ SIZE 3
- incidence** ▶ AMOUNT 6
- incident** ▶ HAPPEN 7
- incidental** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 3
- incidentally**  
*by the way/incidentally* ▶ AND/ALSO 2
- incinerate** ▶ BURN 1
- incision**  
*make an incision* ▶ CUT 4
- incite** ▶ CAUSE 7
- inclined**  
*be inclined to do sth* ▶ OFTEN 3



**include** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 1, 3, 5  
**included** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 4  
**including** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 4  
**inclusive** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 3, 4  
**incognito** ▶ NAME 9  
**incoherent** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 11  
**income** ▶ EARN 8; MONEY 7  
**incoming** ▶ ARRIVE 2  
**incompatible** ▶ MIX 8; RELATIONSHIP 3; UNSUITABLE 4  
**incompetent** ▶ BAD AT DOING STH 2  
**incomplete** ▶ COMPLETE/NOT COMPLETE 4; FINISH 11  
**incomprehensible** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 11  
**inconceivable** ▶ BELIEVE 6; IMPOSSIBLE 2  
**incongruous** ▶ UNSUITABLE 3  
**inconsiderate**  
*thoughtless/inconsiderate* ▶ UNKIND 3  
**inconsistent** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 3  
*be inconsistent with* ▶ DIFFERENT 12  
**inconsolable** ▶ SAD 3  
**inconspicuous** ▶ OBVIOUS 4  
**inconvenience/cause (sb)**  
**inconvenience** ▶ PROBLEM 12  
**inconvenient/not convenient** ▶ CONVENIENT 4  
**incorporate** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 5  
**incorrect** ▶ WRONG 1  
**increase**  
▶ INCREASE 1, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16  
*be on the increase* ▶ INCREASE 1  
**increase in size** ▶ GROW 1  
**increase/rise/go up in value** ▶ VALUE 5  
**increased** ▶ MORE 4  
**increasing** ▶ INCREASE 2, 15  
*a growing number/an increasing number* ▶ MORE 4  
**increasingly** ▶ MORE 4, 5  
**incredible** ▶ BELIEVE 6  
*amazing/incredible* ▶ GOOD 1  
*unbelievable/incredible* ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 5  
**incredibly/unbelievably** ▶ VERY 2  
**incredulous** ▶ BELIEVE 3  
**increment** ▶ INCREASE 11  
**incriminate** ▶ GUILTY 3  
**incriminating** ▶ GUILTY 3  
**incurable** ▶ CURE 3  
**indebted to**  
*be indebted to* ▶ THANK 3  
**indecent** ▶ SEX 17  
**indecipherable** ▶ READ 12  
**indecisive** ▶ DECIDE 8  
**indentation** ▶ HOLE 3  
**independence** ▶ INDEPENDENT 6, 7  
*gain/win/get independence* ▶ INDEPENDENT 8  
**independent** ▶ INDEPENDENT 1, 2, 7; PRIVATE 7  
*be independent/lead an independent life* ▶ INDEPENDENT 3  
*become independent* ▶ INDEPENDENT 8  
**independently** ▶ INDEPENDENT 4

**indescribable** ▶ EXPRESS 4  
**indestructible** ▶ STRONG 4  
**index** ▶ LIST 3  
**indicate** ▶ POINT AT 1; SHOW 2, 3, 9  
**indication** ▶ SIGN 5  
**indicative**  
*be indicative of* ▶ SHOW 9  
**indict** ▶ ACCUSE 2  
**indictment** ▶ ACCUSE 3  
*be an indictment of* ▶ SHOW 11  
**indifferent** ▶ DON'T CARE 3  
**indignant** ▶ ANGRY 4  
**indignity** ▶ ASHAMED 2  
**indirect** ▶ PERSONALLY/YOURSELF 4  
**indirect result** ▶ RESULT 3  
**indiscreet** ▶ CARELESS 4  
**indiscretion** ▶ MISTAKE 3  
**indispensable** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 3; USEFUL 2  
**indisputable**  
*undeniable/indisputable* ▶ TRUE 3  
**indistinct** ▶ SEE 6  
**indistinguishable** ▶ SAME 2  
**individual** ▶ DIFFERENT 3; PERSON/PEOPLE 1  
**individuality** ▶ CHARACTER 4  
**indoctrinate** ▶ TEACH 3  
**indoor** ▶ IN/INSIDE 2  
**indoors** ▶ IN/INSIDE 2  
**induce sb to do sth** ▶ CAUSE 2  
**inducement** ▶ PERSUADE 8  
**indulge in** ▶ DO/NOT DO 4  
**industrial** ▶ BUSINESS 3  
**industrial action** ▶ STRIKE 2  
**industrious** ▶ WORK HARD 4  
**industry** ▶ BUSINESS 1; MAKE 7  
*manufacturing/manufacturing industry* ▶ MAKE 7  
*travel/tourist industry* ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 7  
**inedible** ▶ EAT 14  
**ineffective** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 5  
**ineffectual** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 5  
**inefficient** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 5; WASTE 2  
**ineligible** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 8  
**inequality** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 9; UNFAIR 2  
**inevitable** ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 6  
*the inevitable* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 6; TYPICAL 2  
**inexcusable** ▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 3  
**inexhaustible** ▶ FINISH 15  
**inexorable** ▶ STOP 23  
**inexpensive** ▶ CHEAP 1  
**inexperience** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 4  
**inexperienced** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 3, 6  
**inexpressible** ▶ EXPRESS 4  
**infallible** ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 3; RIGHT 2  
**infamous** ▶ FAMOUS 1  
**infancy**  
*be in its infancy* ▶ NEW 5  
*in infancy/during infancy* ▶ CHILD 4  
**infant** ▶ BABY 1  
**infatuated**  
*be infatuated* ▶ LOVE 1

**infatuation** ▶ LOVE 4  
**infected**  
*be infected with* ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 2  
**infection** ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 1  
**infectious** ▶ SPREAD 3  
**infer** ▶ DECIDE 2; MEANING 6  
**inferior** ▶ BAD 2; WORSE 1  
**inferno** ▶ FIRE 1  
**infertile** ▶ BABY 13  
**infidelity** ▶ SEX 7  
**infiltrate** ▶ SPY 1  
**infinite** ▶ ALWAYS 6; LIMIT 6  
**infinitesimal** ▶ SMALL 4  
**infirm** ▶ ILL/SICK 3  
**inflate** ▶ AIR 4  
**inflated prices** ▶ EXPENSIVE 4  
**inflexible** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 23, 30  
**inflict pain** ▶ HURT/INJURE 3  
**inflict sth on** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 4  
**influence** ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 3, 4, 5; PERSUADE 1; POWER/POWERFUL 1  
*be a bad influence* ▶ BAD 12  
*have an influence* ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 3  
*under the influence* ▶ DRUNK 5  
**influential** ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 5; IMPORTANT 4; POWER/POWERFUL 2  
**influx** ▶ ENTER 7  
**info** ▶ INFORMATION 1  
**infomercial** ▶ ADVERTISING 3  
**inform** ▶ TELL 1  
**inform on** ▶ TELL 9  
**informal** ▶ OFFICIAL 3  
**informant**  
*informer/informant* ▶ TELL 10  
**information** ▶ INFORMATION 1  
*be a mine of information* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 5  
*freedom of information* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 9  
*get information* ▶ FIND OUT 5  
**informative** ▶ INFORMATION 4  
**informed**  
*keep sb informed* ▶ TELL 3  
**informer/informant** ▶ TELL 10  
**infrequent** ▶ RARE/RARELY 2  
**infringe** ▶ ILLEGAL 3  
**infringement** ▶ ILLEGAL 2  
**infuriate** ▶ ANGRY 7  
**infuriating** ▶ ANGRY 9  
**ingenious** ▶ INTELLIGENT 8  
**ingratitude** ▶ THANK 6  
**ingredient** ▶ PART 1  
**inhabit** ▶ LIVE 1  
**inhabitant** ▶ LIVE 5  
**inhabited** ▶ LIVE 6  
**inhale** ▶ BREATHE 2  
**inherent** ▶ PART 7  
**inherit** ▶ GET 2  
**inhibited** ▶ SHY 2  
**inhibition** ▶ SHY 4  
**inhospitable** ▶ UNFRIENDLY 1, 4  
**inhuman** ▶ CRUEL 2  
**inhumane** ▶ CRUEL 2  
**inhumanity** ▶ CRUEL 4  
**initial** ▶ BEGINNING 3; FIRST 1; WRITE 8  
**initially**  
*at first/initially* ▶ BEGINNING 2  
**initials** ▶ NAME 1



**initiate** ▶ START 13

**initiate sb into** ▶ START 6

**initiative**

*on your own initiative*

▶ INDEPENDENT 4

*take the initiative* ▶ START 3

**inject** ▶ DRUG 3

**injection** ▶ MEDICAL TREATMENT 1

**injunction** ▶ FORBID 7

**injure** ▶ HURT/INJURE 2, 3

**injured** ▶ HURT/INJURE 6

*be injured/be hurt* ▶ HURT/INJURE 1

**injury** ▶ HURT/INJURE 5

*to add insult to injury* ▶ WORSE 3

**injustice** ▶ UNFAIR 5

**inmate** ▶ PRISON 6

**inner** ▶ IN/INSIDE 6

**inner city** ▶ POOR 6; TOWN 2

**innermost** ▶ PRIVATE 1

**innocence**

*protest your innocence* ▶ INNOCENT 2

**innocent** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT  
EXPERIENCED 6; INNOCENT 1

**innocuous** ▶ HARM 5

**innovation** ▶ INVENT 3; NEW 5

**innovative** ▶ NEW 5

**innuendo** ▶ SEX 18

**innumerable**

*countless/innumerable* ▶ LOT 3

**inopportune**

*an inopportune moment/time*

▶ TIME 15

**inordinate** ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 2

**input** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
EMAIL 6

**inquest** ▶ FIND OUT 8

**inquire** ▶ ASK 1

**inquiries**

*be helping police with their inquiries*

▶ ASK 4

*carry out door-to-door inquiries*

▶ ASK 4

*make inquiries/enquiries* ▶ ASK 2;  
FIND OUT 7

**inquiry** ▶ ASK 7; FIND OUT 8

**inquisitive** ▶ FIND OUT 10

**ins and outs**

*the ins and outs of sth* ▶ DETAIL 2

**insane** ▶ CRAZY 2; MENTALLY ILL 1

*be insane/be out of your mind*

▶ CRAZY 1

*drive sb crazy/nuts/mad/insane*

▶ CRAZY 5

*go insane* ▶ MENTALLY ILL 3

**insanitary** ▶ DIRTY 3

**insanity** ▶ MENTALLY ILL 2

**insatiable** ▶ SATISFIED/NOT  
SATISFIED 7

**inscription** ▶ WRITE 13

**inscrutable** ▶ EXPRESSION ON SB'S  
FACE 3

**insecure** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT  
CONFIDENT 5

**insensitive** ▶ UNKIND 3

**inseparable** ▶ FRIEND 2

**insert** ▶ PUT 5

**inside** ▶ IN/INSIDE 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8;  
REAL 4

*be inside* ▶ PRISON 4

*know sth inside (and) out* ▶ KNOW/  
NOT KNOW 3

*the inside* ▶ IN/INSIDE 3

**inside out** ▶ WRONG 4

*turn somewhere inside out/upside*

*down* ▶ LOOK FOR 5

**insider** ▶ IN/INSIDE 5

**insight** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 7

**insignia** ▶ SIGN 2

**insignificance**

*pale into insignificance*

▶ UNIMPORTANT 3

**insignificant** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 4

**insignificant/not significant**

▶ UNIMPORTANT 1

**insincere** ▶ PRETEND 5

**insist** ▶ INSIST 1; SAY 3; TELL 17

**insistence**

*at sb's insistence* ▶ INSIST 1; TELL 21

**insistent**

*be insistent* ▶ INSIST 1

**insolent** ▶ RUDE 2

**insoluble** ▶ SOLVE 4

**insolvent** ▶ MONEY 17

**insomnia** ▶ SLEEP 6

**inspect** ▶ EXAMINE 1, 2

**inspection** ▶ EXAMINE 3

**inspiration** ▶ IDEA 2

**inspire** ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/  
UNENTHUSIASTIC 4

**inspired** ▶ INTELLIGENT 8

*be inspired by* ▶ IDEA 4

**install** ▶ PUT 11

**instalment** ▶ PART 3; PAY 12

**instance** ▶ EXAMPLE 1  
*for example/for instance*  
▶ EXAMPLE 3

**instant** ▶ IMMEDIATELY 4

*a second/an instant* ▶ SHORT 9

**instant-message/IM**

▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 9

**instantaneous** ▶ IMMEDIATELY 4

**instantly** ▶ IMMEDIATELY 2

**instead** ▶ INSTEAD 1, 2

**instil** ▶ TEACH 3

**instinct** ▶ INSTINCT 1

**instinctive** ▶ INSTINCT 2

**institute** ▶ ORGANIZATION 1

**institution** ▶ ORGANIZATION 1;  
TRADITION 1

*mental institution* ▶ HOSPITAL 2

**instruct** ▶ TEACH 1; TELL 18

**instruction** ▶ TEACH 4

**instructions** ▶ EXPLAIN 4;

INSTRUCTIONS 1; TELL 22

*give orders/instructions* ▶ TELL 18

*issue orders/instructions* ▶ TELL 18

*on sb's orders/instructions* ▶ TELL 21

*under orders/instructions* ▶ TELL 21

**instructive** ▶ TEACH 6

**instructor** ▶ TEACH 5

**instrument** ▶ TOOL 1; USE 21

**instrumental**

*be instrumental in* ▶ IMPORTANT 8

**insufficient** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT  
ENOUGH 5

**insult** ▶ INSULT 1, 3; OFFEND 1

*be an insult* ▶ INSULT 1

*be an insult to* ▶ OFFEND 4

*to add insult to injury* ▶ WORSE 3

**insulted** ▶ OFFEND 2

**insulting** ▶ INSULT 2; OFFEND 4

**insure/ensure** ▶ CERTAINLY/  
DEFINITELY 7

**insurrection** ▶ REBELLION/  
REVOLUTION 1

**intact** ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 6

**integration** ▶ RACE 5

**integrity** ▶ HONEST 5

**intellect** ▶ INTELLIGENT 10

**intellectual** ▶ INTELLIGENT 4, 9

**intelligence** ▶ INTELLIGENT 10

**intelligent** ▶ INTELLIGENT 1, 8

*not very bright/intelligent/clever/*

*smart* ▶ STUPID/SILLY 5

**intelligentsia** ▶ INTELLIGENT 4

**intelligible** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 8

**intend**

*not intend to do sth* ▶ INTEND/NOT  
INTEND 2

**intend to do sth** ▶ INTEND/NOT  
INTEND 1

**intended**

*be intended to do sth* ▶ INTEND/NOT  
INTEND 4; PURPOSE 3

**intense** ▶ STRONG 6

**intensify** ▶ INCREASE 1, 8, 13

**intensive** ▶ FAST 8

**intent** ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 3

*with intent to do sth* ▶ INTEND/NOT  
INTEND 1

**intent on**

*be intent on* ▶ DETERMINED 1

**intention** ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 3

*have no intention of doing sth*

▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 2

*it is sb's intention to do sth* ▶ INTEND/  
NOT INTEND 1

**intentional** ▶ DELIBERATELY 2

**intentionally** ▶ DELIBERATELY 1

**intentions**

*good intentions* ▶ INTEND/NOT  
INTEND 6

*make your intentions clear/known*

▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 5

**interactive** ▶ COMPUTERS/  
INTERNET/EMAIL 2

**intercept** ▶ STOP 13

**interchange** ▶ EXCHANGE 2

**intercourse**

*have (sexual) intercourse* ▶ SEX 4

**interest** ▶ BORROW 4;

INTERESTED 3, 7; OWN 1; PROFIT 2

*be of interest* ▶ INTERESTING 1

*have an unhealthy interest in*

▶ OBSESSION 2

*lack of interest* ▶ INTERESTED 6

*lose interest* ▶ INTERESTED 5

*not interest* ▶ INTERESTED 6

*rekindle/revive interest*

▶ INTERESTED 3

*show/express (an) interest*

▶ INTERESTED 1

*show/express no interest*

▶ INTERESTED 6

*vested interest* ▶ REASON 7

*with interest* ▶ INTERESTED 1

**interest in sth** ▶ INTERESTED 1

**interested** ▶ INTERESTED 1

*be interested in* ▶ SEX 11; WANT/NOT  
WANT 1

*get sb interested* ▶ INTERESTED 3

*get/become interested*

▶ INTERESTED 4

*not be interested* ▶ INTERESTED 6

**interesting** ▶ INTERESTING 1, 3, 4, 5

*find sth interesting* ▶ INTERESTED 1

*make interesting reading* ▶ READ 13



*make sth more interesting*  
▶ INTERESTING 6  
*not very interesting* ▶ BORING/  
BORED 1  
**interfere** ▶ INTERFERE 1  
**interfering** ▶ INTERFERE 2  
**interim** ▶ TEMPORARY 1  
**interior** ▶ IN/INSIDE 3  
**interior designer/decorator**  
▶ DECORATE 5  
**interlude** ▶ PAUSE 4  
**interminable** ▶ LONG 8  
**intermission** ▶ PAUSE 4  
**intermittent** ▶ REGULAR/  
REGULARLY 2; SOMETIMES 2  
**intern** ▶ DOCTOR 1; PRISON 2  
**internal** ▶ COUNTRY 10; IN/  
INSIDE 4, 5, 6  
**international** ▶ COUNTRY 12  
**Internet**  
*(the) Internet/(the) Net*  
▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 8  
*surf the Internet/Net/Web*  
▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 9  
**interpret** ▶ MEANING 6;  
TRANSLATE 1; UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 5  
**interpretation** ▶ MEANING 7  
**interpreter** ▶ TRANSLATE 3  
**interracial** ▶ RACE 2  
**interrogate** ▶ ASK 4  
**interrupt** ▶ DISTURB 1; INTERRUPT 1  
**intersection** ▶ JOIN 6  
**intervals**  
*at regular intervals* ▶ REGULAR/  
REGULARLY 3  
**intervene/step in** ▶ DO/NOT DO 9  
**interview** ▶ ASK 5, 6  
**interviewer** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 8  
**intimate** ▶ PRIVATE 1, 2  
**intimidate** ▶ THREATEN 1  
**intimidation** ▶ THREATEN 5  
**into** ▶ IN/INSIDE 8  
*be into* ▶ INTERESTED 1  
**intolerable** ▶ STAND 7  
**intolerance** ▶ PREJUDICED 2  
**intolerant** ▶ PREJUDICED 1  
**intoxicated** ▶ DRUNK 1  
**intractable** ▶ SOLVE 4  
**intransigent** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 28  
**intricate** ▶ COMPLICATED 1  
**intrigue** ▶ INTERESTED 3; PLAN 2  
**intrigued** ▶ INTERESTED 1  
**intriguing** ▶ INTERESTING 1  
**intro** ▶ INTRODUCE 2  
**introduce** ▶ INTRODUCE 1; MEET 3;  
MENTION 2; TELEVISION/RADIO 7  
**introduce sb to** ▶ START 6  
**introduce/bring in** ▶ START 14  
**introduction** ▶ BEGINNING 7;  
INTRODUCE 2  
**introductory** ▶ BEGINNING 3;  
INTRODUCE 2  
**introverted** ▶ SHOW 16; SHY 2  
**intrude** ▶ INTERFERE 1  
**intuition** ▶ INSTINCT 1  
**intuitive** ▶ INSTINCT 2  
**inundated**  
*be inundated with* ▶ GET 9

**inured to**  
*be inured to* ▶ USED TO/  
ACCUSTOMED TO 5  
**invade** ▶ ATTACK 3  
**invalid** ▶ ILL/SICK 7; USE 15  
**invalidate** ▶ PROVE 2  
**invaluable** ▶ USEFUL 2  
**invasion** ▶ ATTACK 6  
**invent** ▶ INVENT 1; LIE 5; UNTRUE 2  
**invention** ▶ INVENT 3  
**inventive**  
*imaginative/inventive* ▶ IDEA 5, 6  
**inventor** ▶ INVENT 2  
**inventory** ▶ LIST 1  
**invert** ▶ TURN 11  
**invest** ▶ MONEY 15  
**investigate** ▶ FIND OUT 7  
**investigation** ▶ FIND OUT 8  
*be under investigation* ▶ FIND OUT 7  
**investigator** ▶ FIND OUT 11  
*private investigator/private detective*  
▶ FIND OUT 11  
**investment** ▶ MONEY 9  
**investor** ▶ MONEY 15  
**invisible** ▶ SEE 6  
**invitation** ▶ INVITE 1, 2  
**invite** ▶ ASK 9; RISK 4  
*ask sb in/invite sb in* ▶ ENTER 2  
**invite/ask** ▶ INVITE 1  
**invite/ask sb along** ▶ INVITE 1  
**invoice** ▶ PAY 14, 15  
**involuntary** ▶ ACCIDENTALLY 2  
**involve** ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 4;  
TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 6  
**involved** ▶ COMPLICATED 1; TAKE  
PART/BE INVOLVED 8  
*be involved* ▶ TAKE PART/BE  
INVOLVED 1  
*be involved in an accident*  
▶ ACCIDENT 3  
*be involved with* ▶ RELATIONSHIP 4  
*get involved* ▶ TAKE PART/BE  
INVOLVED 2  
**inward**  
*inwards/inward* ▶ IN/INSIDE 8  
**inwards/inward** ▶ IN/INSIDE 8  
**IOU** ▶ OWE 4  
**IQ**  
*have a high IQ* ▶ INTELLIGENT 1  
**iron**  
*strike while the iron is hot*  
▶ CHANCE 5  
**iron out** ▶ SOLVE 1  
**ironic** ▶ FUNNY 3; STRANGE 1  
**irony** ▶ FUNNY 3  
**irrational** ▶ LOGICAL 4; STUPID/  
SILLY 1  
**irreconcilable** ▶ DISAGREE 2  
**irregular** ▶ SHAPE 6  
**irrelevant** ▶ CONNECTED WITH/  
RELATED 7  
**irreparable** ▶ REPAIR 4  
**irresistible** ▶ ATTRACT/  
ATTRACTION 3  
**irrespective of sth** ▶ NO MATTER  
WHAT/HOW MUCH ETC 1  
**irresponsible** ▶ CARELESS 2  
**irreversible** ▶ STOP 23  
**irrevocable** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 31  
**irrigate** ▶ WATER 4  
**irritable** ▶ ANGRY 13  
**irritate** ▶ ANGRY 7; PAIN 4

**irritated** ▶ ANGRY 1  
**irritating** ▶ ANGRY 9  
**irritation** ▶ ANGRY 14  
**isolate** ▶ SEPARATE 6  
**isolated** ▶ ALONE 4; FAR 3  
**issue** ▶ PROVIDE/SUPPLY 1;  
SUBJECT 1  
*cloud/confuse the issue* ▶ CLEAR/NOT  
CLEAR 5  
*make an issue (out) of* ▶ ARGUE 3  
*make an issue of* ▶ IMPORTANT 7  
*make/issue a statement* ▶ SAY 2  
*make/issue threats* ▶ THREATEN 1  
*side issue* ▶ UNIMPORTANT 3  
*take issue with* ▶ DISAGREE 1  
**issue orders/instructions** ▶ TELL 18  
**it** ▶ WEATHER 1  
**IT support** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
EMAIL 3  
**itching**  
*be itching to do sth* ▶ WANT/NOT  
WANT 2  
**itchy feet** ▶ TRAVEL 14  
**item** ▶ NEWS 3; THING 1  
**itemize** ▶ LIST 5

**i**  
**jab** ▶ MEDICAL TREATMENT 1  
**jack in**  
*pack/jack it in* ▶ LEAVE 22  
**jack up** ▶ INCREASE 6; LIFT 1  
**jackpot** ▶ WIN 9  
**jaded** ▶ FED UP 1  
**jagged** ▶ SHARP 1  
**jail** ▶ PRISON 1, 2  
*be in prison/jail* ▶ PRISON 4  
*put sb in prison/jail* ▶ PRISON 2  
*throw sb in jail* ▶ PRISON 2  
**jam** ▶ MUSIC 3; PUSH 4  
*cram/jam* ▶ FULL 3  
**jammed** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 10  
*be jammed* ▶ FULL 5  
*crammed/jammed* ▶ FULL 1  
**jammy** ▶ LUCKY 1  
**jargon** ▶ LANGUAGE 5  
**jazz up** ▶ INTERESTING 6  
**jealous** ▶ JEALOUS 1, 2  
*a nervous/jealous etc disposition*  
▶ CHARACTER 1  
**jealousy** ▶ JEALOUS 1, 2  
**jeer** ▶ CLAP 3; LAUGH 2  
**jeopardize** ▶ RISK 8  
**jeopardy**  
*be in jeopardy* ▶ RISK 7  
**jerk** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 6; PULL 2;  
RUDE 4; STUPID/SILLY 4  
**Jesus**  
*turn to Jesus/the Lord/God/Christ*  
▶ RELIGION 7  
**jet-lag** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 8  
**jet-setter** ▶ TRAVEL 11  
**jingle** ▶ SOUND 7  
**jinx**  
*be jinxed/be a jinx* ▶ UNLUCKY 2  
*there is a jinx on sth/sth is jinxed*  
▶ UNLUCKY 3  
**jinxed**  
*be jinxed/be a jinx* ▶ UNLUCKY 2  
**jittery**  
*jumpy/jittery* ▶ NERVOUS 1  
**job** ▶ JOB 1, 3; STEAL 7; WORK 10  
*a rush job* ▶ HURRY 4



*do a bad job* ▶ DO/NOT DO 12  
*do a good job* ▶ DO/NOT DO 11  
*do a hatchet job on* ▶ CRITICIZE 2  
*do the job/do the trick* ▶ EFFECTIVE/  
 NOT EFFECTIVE 1  
*give sb a job* ▶ JOB 7  
*have a job* ▶ JOB 4  
*have a job doing sth* ▶ DIFFICULT 10  
*hold (down) a job* ▶ JOB 4  
*it is sb's job (to do sth)* ▶ SHOULD/  
 OUGHT TO 1  
*lose your job* ▶ LEAVE 23  
*make a good job of* ▶ DO/NOT DO 11  
*not have a job/be without a job*  
 ▶ JOB 5  
*put-up job* ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 3  
*sb's job* ▶ RESPONSIBLE 2

**jobless** ▶ JOB 5

**jog** ▶ RUN 2

*go for a run/jog* ▶ RUN 2

**jog sb's memory** ▶ REMIND/MAKE  
 SB REMEMBER 2

**join** ▶ ARMY 4; JOIN 1, 7, 8; WITH/  
 TOGETHER 1

*the join* ▶ JOIN 6

**join forces** ▶ UNITE 1

**join in** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 2

**join up** ▶ ARMY 4; JOIN 8

**join/meet** ▶ JOIN 4

**joined**

*be joined/be joined together* ▶ JOIN 5

**joint** ▶ BEND 8; JOIN 6; WITH/  
 TOGETHER 6

**jointly** ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 2

**joke** ▶ JOKE 1, 2, 3

*as a joke* ▶ JOKE 2

*be no joke* ▶ SERIOUS 1

*can take a joke* ▶ FUNNY 6

*make a joke/crack a joke* ▶ JOKE 3

*play a trick/joke* ▶ JOKE 2

*practical joke* ▶ JOKE 2

*tell a joke* ▶ JOKE 3

**joker**

*practical joker* ▶ JOKE 4

**joking**

*be joking/be kidding* ▶ JOKE 5

*not joking* ▶ SERIOUS 3

*you must be joking/kidding* ▶ NO 1

*you're kidding/you're joking*

▶ BELIEVE 4

**joking apart** ▶ SERIOUS 5

**jokingly** ▶ JOKE 5

**jolly** ▶ HAPPY 4

**jolt** ▶ SHAKE 1

**jostle** ▶ PUSH 5

**jot down** ▶ WRITE 2

**journal** ▶ BOOKS 4

**journalist** ▶ NEWS 6;  
 NEWSPAPERS 3; WRITE 6

**journey** ▶ TRAVEL 9

*make a journey* ▶ TRAVEL 1

**joy** ▶ HAPPY 7

**joyful** ▶ HAPPY 3

**joyrider** ▶ STEAL 5

**joyriding** ▶ DRIVE 1; STEAL 6

**jubilant** ▶ HAPPY 3

**judder** ▶ SHAKE 1

**judge** ▶ COURT/TRIAL 3; DECIDE 2;  
 JUDGE 1, 2, 3

*be a good/bad etc judge of* ▶ JUDGE 6

**judgement**

*sit in judgement* ▶ JUDGE 3

**judgment** ▶ DECIDE 3

*judgment* ▶ JUDGE 6

**judgemental** ▶ JUDGE 3

**judges** ▶ SPORT/GAME 8

**judging by/judging from/going by**  
 ▶ SEEM 3

**judgment**

*error of judgment* ▶ MISTAKE 3

*pass judgment* ▶ JUDGE 3

**judgment/judgement** ▶ JUDGE 6

**juggle** ▶ TIME 18

**juicy** ▶ DELICIOUS 2

**jumbled/jumbled up/jumbled  
 together** ▶ MIX 4

**jump** ▶ ATTACK 2; FRIGHTENED/  
 FRIGHTENING 3; JUMP 1, 2

*make sb jump* ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
 FRIGHTENING 4

**jump at the chance/opportunity**  
 ▶ ACCEPT 1; CHANCE 5

**jump on the bandwagon** ▶ COPY 8

**jump the gun** ▶ EARLY 2

**jump the queue** ▶ WAIT 5

**jump to conclusions** ▶ DECIDE 2

**jump to it** ▶ HURRY 2

**jump up and down** ▶ JUMP 1

**jump/climb/hop/get on the  
 bandwagon** ▶ TAKE PART/BE  
 INVOLVED 2

**jumpy/jittery** ▶ NERVOUS 1

**junction** ▶ JOIN 6

**junior** ▶ CLASS 1; POSITION/RANK 6;  
 YOUNG 2

**junior high school** ▶ SCHOOL/  
 UNIVERSITY 4

**junk** ▶ THING 2; USELESS 2

**junk mail/direct mail**

▶ ADVERTISING 3

**junkie** ▶ ADDICTED 2

**junkie/addict** ▶ LIKE 5

**junta** ▶ GOVERNMENT 4

**jurisdiction** ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 1

**jury** ▶ COURT/TRIAL 3

**just** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 3, 6;  
 FAIR 1, 2; JUST 1, 3, 6; ONLY 1, 2, 3, 5  
*(just) for kicks* ▶ ENJOY 6  
*(just) for the hell of it* ▶ ENJOY 6

*be just (good) friends* ▶ SEX 13

*be just like* ▶ TYPICAL 2

*be just right with* ▶ SUITABLE 4

*be just the thing* ▶ PERFECT 2

*can just about* ▶ JUST 5

*I'm just looking* ▶ LOOK 6

*it's only/just a matter of time*

▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 2

*look/be just like* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 4

*more or less/just about/pretty much*

▶ ALMOST 3

*only just* ▶ JUST 1, 3, 6

*only/just* ▶ ONLY 4

*simply/just not* ▶ NOT 2

*you just/only have to ...* ▶ OBVIOUS 2

**just (for) a bit of fun** ▶ ENJOY 6

**just a minute/second** ▶ WAIT 2

**just about/more or less/pretty  
 much** ▶ ALMOST 2, 4

**just before/after** ▶ TIME 2

**just deserts**

*get your just deserts* ▶ DESERVE 2

**just in time** ▶ ON TIME 3

**just like/exactly like** ▶ SAME 2

**just my luck** ▶ UNLUCKY 2

**just now** ▶ JUST 1; NOW 1

**just out**

*be just out* ▶ NEW 1

**just right** ▶ PERFECT 2; SUITABLE 2

**just stand there/just sit there**

▶ DO/NOT DO 13

**just the opposite/reverse**

▶ OPPOSITE 3

**just turned 10/30/60 etc** ▶ JUST 2

**just what you'd expect** ▶ TYPICAL 2

**justice** ▶ FAIR 4

*miscarriage of justice* ▶ UNFAIR 5

*not do yourself justice* ▶ DO/NOT

DO 12

**justifiable** ▶ RIGHT 6

**justification** ▶ REASON 2

*be no excuse/justification*

▶ REASON 8

**justified** ▶ RIGHT 6

**justify** ▶ REASON 5, 6; RIGHT 8

**justly** ▶ RIGHT 7

**jut out** ▶ STICK OUT 1

**juvenile** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 3; YOUNG 7

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**keel over** ▶ FALL 1

**keen** ▶ ENJOY 4; ENTHUSIASTIC/  
 UNENTHUSIASTIC 1

*be keen on* ▶ LIKE 1

*not be very keen on sth/not be very*

*fond of sth* ▶ DISLIKE 1

**keep** ▶ CONTINUE 11; DELAY 1;  
 KEEP 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9; LAST 6; PRISON 3

*bear/keep in mind* ▶ REMEMBER 7

*earn your keep* ▶ EARN 3

*save/keep* ▶ SAVE 8

*stay away from/keep away from*

▶ NEAR 11

*stay away/keep away* ▶ AVOID 3

*stay/keep out of it* ▶ INTERFERE 3

*you are welcome to sth/you can keep*

*sth* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 9

**keep (on) doing sth** ▶ OFTEN 2

**keep a record/keep records**

▶ KEEP 6; RECORD 1

**keep a secret**

*can keep a secret* ▶ SECRET 4

**keep abreast of/keep up to date  
 with** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 5

**keep an eye on** ▶ LOOK AFTER 1, 7;  
 WATCH 3, 4

**keep at** ▶ CONTINUE 3

**keep back** ▶ NEAR 11; SAVE 8;  
 TELL 13

**keep doing sth/keep on doing sth**  
 ▶ CONTINUE 1

**keep fit** ▶ EXERCISE 1, 3

**keep from doing sth** ▶ DO/NOT  
 DO 14

**keep it down** ▶ QUIET 7

**keep off the subject/question of  
 sth** ▶ TALK 16

**keep on** ▶ KEEP 3

**keep out** ▶ ENTER 9

**keep sb down** ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
 CONTROL 4

**keep sb from doing sth** ▶ STOP 24

**keep sb up** ▶ SLEEP 12

**keep sth from** ▶ SECRET 4; TELL 13

**keep sth secret** ▶ SECRET 4

**keep sth to yourself** ▶ TELL 13

**keep still**

*can't keep still* ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 4

**keep to** ▶ OBEY 2

**keep to/keep within** ▶ LIMIT 4



**keep up** ▶ CONTINUE 1, 4; FAST 6;  
UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 3

**keep yourself to yourself**  
▶ PRIVATE 5

**keep/stay in touch** ▶ WRITE 4

**keep/stay still** ▶ MOVE/NOT  
MOVE 12

**keeping**  
*be out of keeping/not be in keeping*  
▶ UNSUITABLE 3

**keeps**  
*for keeps* ▶ ALWAYS 4

**kept**  
*what kept you?* ▶ LATE 2

**key** ▶ IMPORTANT 1; MAIN 1  
*the key* ▶ BASIC 2; WAY 4  
*the main/key points* ▶ MAIN 3

**key in** ▶ WRITE 3

**keyboards**  
*on (the) drums/guitar/keyboards etc*  
▶ MUSIC 3

**kick** ▶ KICK 1  
*break the habit/kick the habit*  
▶ STOP 5  
*get a kick out of* ▶ ENJOY 1,2  
*give sb/sth a kick* ▶ KICK 1  
*throw/kick out* ▶ LEAVE 21, 24, 28  
*throw/kick sb out* ▶ LEAVE 11, 16

**kick around** ▶ DISCUSS 1

**kick off** ▶ START 10

**kick off with** ▶ START 2

**kick the bucket** ▶ DIE 1

**kickback** ▶ MONEY 11; PAY 5

**kicked**  
*I could've kicked myself/I've been  
kicking myself etc* ▶ REGRET/NOT  
REGRET 2

**kicking**  
*I could've kicked myself/I've been  
kicking myself etc* ▶ REGRET/NOT  
REGRET 2

**kicks**  
*(just) for kicks* ▶ ENJOY 6  
*do sth for kicks* ▶ EXCITED/  
EXCITING 8

**kid** ▶ CHILD 1, 2

**kid sister/brother** ▶ YOUNG 3

**kid/delude yourself** ▶ WRONG 3

**kidding**  
*be joking/be kidding* ▶ JOKE 5  
*no kidding* ▶ SERIOUS 5  
*you must be joking/kidding* ▶ NO 1  
*you're kidding/you're joking*  
▶ BELIEVE 4

**kidnap** ▶ TAKE 8

**kidney**  
*blood/kidney etc donor* ▶ GIVE 5

**kill** ▶ KILL 1, 3, 9, 11; SPEND MONEY/  
TIME 10; STOP 17  
*if looks could kill* ▶ LOOK 4

**kill off** ▶ KILL 9

**kill yourself** ▶ KILL 5

**killed**  
*die/be killed* ▶ DIE 2  
*it nearly killed me* ▶ TIRED/TIRING 6

**killer** ▶ KILL 6, 10  
*be a killer* ▶ KILL 9  
*hitman/contract killer* ▶ KILL 6

**killing** ▶ KILL 2  
*make a killing* ▶ PROFIT 3  
*mercy killing* ▶ KILL 8

**killjoy** ▶ SPOIL 6

**kilometres**  
*every metre/mile/10 kilometres etc*  
▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 3

**kilos**  
*be 5 kilos/10 pounds etc* ▶ HEAVY 2;  
WEIGH 1

**kin**  
*next of kin* ▶ FAMILY 3

**kind** ▶ KIND 1  
*be one of a kind* ▶ DIFFERENT 3  
*be the only one of its kind*  
▶ DIFFERENT 3  
*be two of a kind* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 7  
*not be sb's kind of thing* ▶ DISLIKE 1  
*that's very kind of you/good of you*  
▶ THANK 1  
*type/kind/sort* ▶ TYPE 1

**kind of/sort of** ▶ ABOUT/  
APPROXIMATELY 4

**kind-hearted** ▶ KIND 2

**kindergarten** ▶ SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 2

**kindly**  
*not take kindly to* ▶ DISLIKE 1

**kindness** ▶ KIND 1

**kinds**  
*all sorts/kinds of sth* ▶ VARIOUS/OF  
DIFFERENT KINDS 2

**king** ▶ LEADER 1

**kink** ▶ BEND 8

**kinky** ▶ STRANGE 2

**kiosk** ▶ SHOP/STORE 2

**kip**  
*have a kip/get some kip* ▶ SLEEP 1

**kiss** ▶ KISS 1, 2, 3  
*give sb a kiss* ▶ KISS 1

**kit** ▶ CLOTHES 4; EQUIPMENT 1

**kitchen sink**  
*everything but the kitchen sink*  
▶ LOT 3

**kitsch/kitschy** ▶ TASTE IN  
CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 6

**kitted out**  
*be kitted out in* ▶ CLOTHES 6

**kittens**  
*have a baby/have twins/have kittens  
etc* ▶ BABY 5

**kitty/pot** ▶ MONEY 13

**kleptomaniac** ▶ STEAL 5

**klutz** ▶ CLUMSY 1

**knack**  
*have a knack* ▶ GOOD AT 7

**knackered** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 1

**knead** ▶ PRESS 1

**knee** ▶ KICK 1

**knee-jerk reaction** ▶ THINK 6

**kneel** ▶ SIT 3

**knees**  
*bring sb to their knees* ▶ BEAT/  
DEFEAT 3

**knock** ▶ CRITICIZE 4; HIT 4, 8

**knock £1/\$20/20p etc off**  
▶ CHEAP 6

**knock back** ▶ DRINK 3

**knock down** ▶ DESTROY 2;  
REDUCE 1

**knock down/over** ▶ HIT 7

**knock off** ▶ HIT 7; STOP 7

**knock off/knock up** ▶ MAKE 2

**knock out** ▶ HIT 7; IMPRESS 2

**knock over** ▶ FALL 7

**knock sb about** ▶ HIT 2

**knock sb out/knock sb  
unconscious** ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 3, 4

**knock sb over/knock sb down**  
▶ FALL 6

**knock sb to the ground** ▶ FALL 6

**knock sth into shape** ▶ IMPROVE 2

**knock-on effect** ▶ RESULT 6

**knock/throw sb for a loop**  
▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 3

**knocking** ▶ SOUND 6

**knot** ▶ GROUP 1; TIE/UNTIE 3

**know** ▶ EXPERIENCE 3; KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 1, 2, 11, 22; RECOGNIZE 1;  
SPEAK 3; SURE/NOT SURE 1  
*as far as I know* ▶ THINK 12  
*be in the know* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 8  
*before you know it* ▶ SOON 2  
*don't ask me/how should I know?*  
▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 12  
*for all I/you/they etc know* ▶ KNOW/  
NOT KNOW 14  
*get to know* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 23  
*I don't know what to say* ▶ SAY 10  
*let sb know* ▶ TELL 1  
*little did I/she/he etc know* ▶ KNOW/  
NOT KNOW 14  
*not know* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 12, 13, 14; SURE/NOT SURE 3  
*not know anything/know nothing*  
▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 15  
*not know how to do sth* ▶ CAN/  
CAN'T 6  
*not know where you are* ▶ LOST 1  
*not want to know* ▶ IGNORE 1  
*want to know* ▶ ASK 1  
*you never know* ▶ MAYBE 1;  
POSSIBLE 2

**know (all) about** ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 3

**know a little (bit) about** ▶ KNOW/  
NOT KNOW 7

**know a thing or two**  
▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT  
EXPERIENCED 1

**know how sb feels** ▶ UNDERSTAND/  
NOT UNDERSTAND 2

**know how to do sth** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 1

**know perfectly well** ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 1

**know sb by sight** ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 22

**know sth by heart** ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 6

**know sth inside (and) out** ▶ KNOW/  
NOT KNOW 3

**know the ropes** ▶ EXPERIENCED/  
NOT EXPERIENCED 1

**know what sb means**  
▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 1

**know what you are talking about**  
▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 3

**know what you're doing** ▶ GOOD  
AT 3

**know your own mind**  
▶ INDEPENDENT 5

**know your stuff** ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 3

**know-how** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 10

**know-it-all** ▶ INTELLIGENT 7

**know/find out to your cost**  
▶ SUFFER 2

**know/learn from experience**  
▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 1



**knowing** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 8  
*there's no telling/knowing* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 18  
**knowingly** ▶ DELIBERATELY 1  
**knowledge** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 10  
*be common knowledge* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 9  
*have a working knowledge of* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 7  
*have no knowledge of* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 14  
*to the best of my knowledge* ▶ THINK 12  
**knowledgeable** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 3, 5  
**known**  
*be known as* ▶ NAME 5  
*have never been known to do sth* ▶ NEVER 1  
*little known/little-known* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 20, 21  
*make sth known* ▶ TELL 6  
*well-known/well known* ▶ FAMOUS 1; KNOW/NOT KNOW 9  
**knows**  
*everyone knows* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 9  
*who knows/who can say* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 18  
*who knows?* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 12; MAYBE 1

**label** ▶ CALL/DESCRIBE AS 1, 3; DESCRIBE 2  
**labour** ▶ BABY 5; WORK 5; WORK FOR SB 4; WORK HARD 1  
*slave labour* ▶ EARN 6  
**labour the point** ▶ EMPHASIZE 2  
**labour/belabour the point** ▶ TALK 7  
**labyrinth**  
*maze/labyrinth* ▶ LOST 3  
**lack** ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 7, 9  
*through lack of sth/for lack of sth/for want of sth* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 7  
**lack confidence/be lacking in confidence** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 5  
**lack direction** ▶ PURPOSE 5  
**lack experience** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 3  
**lack of enthusiasm** ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/UNENTHUSIASTIC 5  
**lack of experience** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 4  
**lack of interest** ▶ INTERESTED 6  
**lack of sth** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 5  
**lackey** ▶ OBEY 4  
**lacklustre** ▶ BAD 3  
**ladder** ▶ TEAR 1, 5  
*move/go/climb up the ladder* ▶ JOB 8  
**laddish** ▶ MAN 3  
**ladies**  
*the ladies* ▶ TOILET 1  
**ladies'** ▶ WOMAN 4  
**lady** ▶ WOMAN 1, 2  
**lag behind** ▶ SLOW 5  
**laid-back** ▶ CALM 2; RELAX/RELAXED 3  
**lamb**  
*mutton dressed as lamb* ▶ YOUNG 8

**lame** ▶ BELIEVE 6  
**land** ▶ ARRIVE 2; COUNTRY 1; DOWN 2; GET 3; LAND/GROUND 1, 4  
*by air/by sea/by land* ▶ TRAVEL 3  
*native land* ▶ COUNTRY 7  
**landlord/landlady** ▶ OWN 3  
**landmark** ▶ IMPORTANT 1  
**landscape** ▶ LAND/GROUND 2; PICTURE 1  
*blot on the landscape* ▶ UGLY 3  
**landslide** ▶ WIN 6  
**lane** ▶ ROAD/PATH 2  
**language** ▶ LANGUAGE 1, 2, 5  
*bad/foul language* ▶ RUDE 6  
*colourful language* ▶ RUDE 6  
*sb's first language* ▶ LANGUAGE 3  
*sb's second language* ▶ LANGUAGE 4  
*speak the same language* ▶ SAME 11  
*strong language* ▶ RUDE 6  
**lanky** ▶ TALL 1  
**lap**  
*be on the last lap/in the home stretch* ▶ FINISH 2  
**lap up** ▶ ENJOY 8  
**lap/lap up** ▶ DRINK 1  
**laptop** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 1  
**larceny** ▶ STEAL 6  
**large** ▶ BIG 1, 3, 5  
*be on the loose/be at large* ▶ ESCAPE 5  
*big/large* ▶ BIG 4; FAT 1  
*extra large* ▶ BIG 2  
**large number**  
*a large number of/large numbers of* ▶ LOT 2  
*in large numbers* ▶ LOT 7  
**large scale/large-scale** ▶ BIG 7  
**largely**  
*mostly/mainly/largely* ▶ MOST 5  
**largely/chiefly** ▶ MAIN 4  
**lash** ▶ TIE/UNTIE 1  
**last** ▶ BEFORE 4; CONTINUE 2; ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 1; LAST 1, 5, 6, 7; REMAIN 2; SURVIVE 1  
*at last* ▶ FINALLY 1  
*at the last count* ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 1  
*at the last minute* ▶ ON TIME 3  
*be last* ▶ LAST 2  
*be on its last legs* ▶ CONDITION 4  
*be on the last lap/in the home stretch* ▶ FINISH 2  
*come in last/finish last* ▶ LAST 2  
*in the final/last analysis* ▶ BASIC 4  
*in the last/past few weeks/months etc* ▶ RECENTLY 2  
*make sth last* ▶ LAST 7  
*next to last/second to last* ▶ LAST 3  
*the last but one* ▶ LAST 3  
*the last of sth* ▶ REMAIN 3  
*the last person/thing/place (that) you would expect* ▶ EXPECT 8  
**last but not least** ▶ LAST 4  
**last name/surname** ▶ NAME 1  
**last thing at night** ▶ LATE 7  
**last week/year/Monday etc** ▶ BEFORE 6  
**lasting** ▶ LONG 7  
**lastly** ▶ LAST 4  
**late** ▶ DEAD 1; END 3; LATE 1, 3, 4, 7  
*be running late* ▶ LATE 5  
*before it's too late* ▶ ON TIME 3  
*better late than never* ▶ LATE 2  
*get up late* ▶ WAKE UP/GET UP 4

*have a lie in/sleep late* ▶ WAKE UP/GET UP 4  
*it's a little late* ▶ LATE 6  
*it's not too late* ▶ TIME 19  
*leave it too late/a bit late* ▶ LATE 6  
*make sb late* ▶ DELAY 1  
*stay late* ▶ STAY 3  
*too late* ▶ LATE 6  
*you're late* ▶ LATE 4  
**late in life** ▶ LATE 3  
**late-night** ▶ LATE 7  
**latecomer** ▶ LATE 1  
**lately** ▶ RECENTLY 2  
**later** ▶ AFTER 1, 4, 8; LATER 1, 3  
*no later than* ▶ BEFORE 2  
*sooner or later* ▶ FINALLY 1  
**later on** ▶ LATER 1  
**later/catch you later** ▶ GOODBYE 1  
**later/further on** ▶ LATER 3  
**latest** ▶ NEW 1; RECENTLY 3, 4  
*be the latest thing/be the in thing* ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 2, 6  
*the latest* ▶ MODERN 1, 2; NEWS 1  
**latter** ▶ END 3  
*the latter* ▶ LAST 1  
**latter-day** ▶ NOW 4  
**laudable** ▶ PRAISE 8  
**laugh** ▶ LAUGH 1  
*be a good laugh* ▶ ENJOY 3, 5  
*be a laugh* ▶ FUNNY 1  
*can laugh* ▶ FUNNY 6  
*for a laugh* ▶ ENJOY 6; JOKE 2  
*have a laugh* ▶ LAUGH 1  
*make sb laugh* ▶ FUNNY 1; LAUGH 5  
*raise a laugh* ▶ LAUGH 5  
**laugh at** ▶ LAUGH 2  
**laugh helplessly/uncontrollably/hysterically** ▶ LAUGH 4  
**laugh off** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 9  
**laugh out loud** ▶ LAUGH 3  
**laugh your head off** ▶ LAUGH 4  
**laughable** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 2  
**laughing**  
*can't stop laughing* ▶ LAUGH 4  
*sb will be laughing on the other side of their face/mouth* ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 4  
**laughing matter**  
*be no laughing matter* ▶ SERIOUS 1  
**laughing stock** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 4  
**laughter** ▶ LAUGH 1  
*gales/fits of laughter* ▶ LAUGH 4  
*roar/howl/peal etc of laughter* ▶ LAUGH 3  
*roar/howl/shriek etc with laughter* ▶ LAUGH 3  
**launch** ▶ SELL 8; START 13; UP 4  
**launch an attack/mount an attack** ▶ ATTACK 3  
**launch into** ▶ START 1  
**laundry** ▶ WASH 4  
**lavatory** ▶ TOILET 1  
**lavish sth on** ▶ GIVE 13  
**law** ▶ LAW 1, 2; RULE/REGULATION 1  
*according to the law* ▶ LEGAL 2  
*be against the law* ▶ ILLEGAL 1  
*become law* ▶ LAW 5  
*break a rule/law* ▶ DISOBEY 2  
*break the law* ▶ CRIME 5; ILLEGAL 3  
*by law* ▶ LEGAL 2  
*lay down the law* ▶ TELL 23  
*unwritten law* ▶ RULE/REGULATION 2  
*within the law* ▶ LEGAL 1



**law school/medical school/  
business school** ▶ SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 5

**law-abiding** ▶ OBEY 3

**lawbreaker** ▶ CRIME 3

**lawful** ▶ LEGAL 1

**lawyer** ▶ COURT/TRIAL 3

**lax** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 8

**lay** ▶ PUT 1

*get/lay your hands on* ▶ GET 3

*layman/lay person* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 19

*put/lay your cards on the table*

▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 5

*put/lay/place the blame on*

▶ BLAME 1

**lay claim to** ▶ OWN 5

**lay down** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 4; SAY 2

*give your life/lay down your life*

▶ DIE 4

**lay down arms** ▶ PEACE 2

**lay down the law** ▶ TELL 23

**lay into** ▶ ATTACK 1; CRITICIZE 2

**lay it on** ▶ EXAGGERATE 1

**lay it on the line** ▶ CLEAR/NOT  
CLEAR 2

**lay off** ▶ LEAVE 23; STOP 2, 6

**lay on** ▶ PROVIDE/SUPPLY 1

**lay out** ▶ SPREAD 8

*be laid out* ▶ ARRANGE 1

**lay sth/sb flat** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 4

**lay the foundations** ▶ PREPARE 5

**lay yourself open to** ▶ RISK 6

**layabout** ▶ LAZY 2

**layaway**

*put sth on layaway* ▶ PAY 7

**layer** ▶ COVER 5

**layman**

*in layman's terms* ▶ LANGUAGE 5

**layman/lay person** ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 19

**layout** ▶ ARRANGE 2

**laze** ▶ REST 1

*sit/lounge/laze around* ▶ LAZY 3

**lazy** ▶ LAZY 1

**lazybones** ▶ LAZY 2

**lead** ▶ IN CHARGE OF 1; LEADER 2;  
TAKE 6

*follow suit/follow sb's lead* ▶ COPY 6

*play the lead* ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 5

*show the way/lead the way* ▶ FIRST 5

*top story/lead story* ▶ NEWS 2

**lead a charmed life** ▶ LUCKY 1

**lead into** ▶ INTRODUCE 1

**lead off** ▶ START 2

**lead sb astray** ▶ BAD 12

**lead sb on** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 1

**lead sb to do sth** ▶ CAUSE 2

**lead sb to expect** ▶ EXPECT 4

**lead to sth** ▶ CAUSE 1

**lead up to** ▶ BEFORE 7

**lead-in** ▶ INTRODUCE 2

**lead/be in the lead** ▶ WIN 3

**leader** ▶ LEADER 1

*be the leader (of sth)* ▶ LEADER 2

**leadership** ▶ GOVERNMENT 2;  
LEADER 1, 2

**leading** ▶ IMPORTANT 4

*play a leading part/role*

▶ IMPORTANT 8

**leading edge**

*at the leading edge of/cutting edge of*

▶ ADVANCED 1

**leading/loading question** ▶ ASK 7

**leaf**

*turn over a new leaf* ▶ BEHAVE 4

**leaf/flick/thumb through** ▶ READ 3

**league** ▶ ORGANIZATION 4

*be in a different league* ▶ BETTER 2

*be in league with* ▶ WITH/

TOGETHER 3

*not be in the same league/can't*

*compare with* ▶ WORSE 1

**leak** ▶ FIND OUT 3; FLOW 1; HOLE 5;  
TELL 11

**leaky** ▶ HOLE 6

**lean** ▶ PUT 8; STAND 1; SUPPORT 8;  
THIN 3

**lean on** ▶ PERSUADE 3

**leap** ▶ INCREASE 12; JUMP 1, 2

**leaps**

*come on in leaps and bounds*

▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 2

**learn** ▶ FIND OUT 1; LEARN 1, 2, 4

*know/learn from experience*

▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 1

**learned** ▶ INTELLIGENT 4

**learner** ▶ LEARN 3; STUDY 5

**learning** ▶ TEACH 6

**learning difficulties** ▶ DISABLED 1

**lease** ▶ BORROW 3; LEND 2

**least** ▶ LEAST 1

*last but not least* ▶ LAST 4

*not in the least* ▶ NOT 2

*the least* ▶ LEAST 2; LIMIT 2

**least of all** ▶ ESPECIALLY 1

**leave** ▶ FINISH 14; FORGET 3; GET ON  
OR OFF A BUS, PLANE ETC 2; GIVE 9;  
HOLIDAY/VACATION 1;  
LEAVE 1, 4, 14, 19, 22, 27; PUT 1

**leave a message** ▶ TELEPHONE 9

**leave home** ▶ LEAVE 14

**leave it at that** ▶ STOP 3

**leave it to** ▶ RESPONSIBLE 4

**leave it to me** ▶ DEAL WITH 1

**leave it too late/a bit late** ▶ LATE 6

**leave no stone unturned** ▶ LOOK  
FOR 2

**leave out** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT  
INCLUDE 6; TAKE PART/BE  
INVOLVED 10

*count/leave me out* ▶ TAKE PART/BE  
INVOLVED 11

**leave sb behind** ▶ FAST 7

**leave sb cold** ▶ INTERESTED 6

**leave sb standing** ▶ BETTER 2;  
FAST 7

**leave sth alone** ▶ TOUCH 6

**leave sth with** ▶ RESPONSIBLE 4

**leave the ground** ▶ UP 4

**leave/let well alone** ▶ INTERFERE 3

**leaving** ▶ LEAVE 25

**lecherous** ▶ SEX 12

**lecture** ▶ CLASS 2; TEACH 2; TELL SB  
OFF 1, 3

**lecturer** ▶ TEACH 5

**leer** ▶ LOOK 7; SMILE 2, 3

**left** ▶ REMAIN 1

*none left/not any left* ▶ FINISH 13

*not have any more/not have any left*

▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 6

*the left* ▶ POLITICS 3

*what is left of sth/what remains of sth*

▶ REMAIN 3

**left off**

*pick up/take up where you left off*

▶ CONTINUE 8

**left over**

*be left over* ▶ REMAIN 1

**left-wing** ▶ POLITICS 3

**leftover** ▶ REMAIN 2

**leftovers** ▶ REMAIN 3

**leg**

*be pulling sb's leg* ▶ JOKE 5

*can talk the hind leg off a donkey*

▶ TALK 12

*cost an arm and a leg* ▶ EXPENSIVE 2

*pull sb's leg* ▶ MAKE FUN OF 1

**leg room** ▶ SPACE 1

**legal** ▶ LAW 6; LEGAL 1, 2

*make sth legal* ▶ LEGAL 3

**legal system** ▶ LAW 2

**legality** ▶ LEGAL 1

**legalize** ▶ LEGAL 3

**legend** ▶ FAMOUS 5; STORY 1

**legendary** ▶ FAMOUS 1

**leggy** ▶ TALL 1

**legible** ▶ READ 11

**legislate** ▶ LAW 4

**legislation** ▶ LAW 1

**legislative** ▶ LAW 6

**legitimate** ▶ LEGAL 1; RIGHT 6

**legitimize** ▶ LEGAL 3

**legless**

*paralytic/legless* ▶ DRUNK 3

**legs**

*be on its last legs* ▶ CONDITION 4

*stretch your legs* ▶ WALK 11

**leisure** ▶ ENJOY 9

*at (your) leisure* ▶ FREE 11

**leisure centre/complex** ▶ SPORT/  
GAME 7

**leisure/leisure time** ▶ FREE 10

**leisurely** ▶ HURRY 7; SLOW 1

**lend** ▶ LEND 1

*give/lend a hand* ▶ HELP 1

**lender** ▶ LEND 3

**lends itself to** ▶ SUITABLE 1

**length** ▶ LONG 5

**length of time** ▶ TIME 8

**lengthen** ▶ LONG 3, 4

**lengths**

*go to any lengths/stop at nothing*

▶ DETERMINED 4

*go to great lengths to do sth* ▶ TRY 2

**lengthy** ▶ LONG 2, 7

**lenient** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 8, 9

**lesbian** ▶ GAY 1

**less** ▶ LESS 1, 3, 4

*more or less* ▶ ABOUT/

APPROXIMATELY 4

*more or less/just about/pretty much*

▶ ALMOST 2, 3, 4

**less than** ▶ LESS 2

**lessen** ▶ LESS 6; REDUCE 2

**lesson** ▶ CLASS 2

*teach sb a lesson* ▶ PUNISH 1

**lessons**

*take lessons* ▶ STUDY 1

**let** ▶ LEND 2; LET/ALLOW 1

*allow sb to do sth/let sb do sth* ▶ CAN/  
CAN'T 5

*leave/let well alone* ▶ INTERFERE 3

*not let/not allow* ▶ FORBID 1

**let bygones be bygones**

▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 1



**let down** ▶ AIR 5  
*feel let down* ▶ DISAPPOINTED 1  
**let go** ▶ HOLD 9  
**let him/her/them (do sth)** ▶ DON'T CARE 1  
**let it pass** ▶ IGNORE 3  
**let me** ▶ OFFER 2  
**let me explain** ▶ EXPLAIN 2  
**let me rephrase that** ▶ EXPLAIN 2  
**let off** ▶ EXPLODE 2  
**let on**  
*not/never let on* ▶ TELL 14  
**let out** ▶ LOOSE 3; SOUND 3  
**let out a scream/shriek**  
▶ SCREAM 1  
**let sb down** ▶ DISAPPOINTED 3  
**let sb go** ▶ FREE 9  
**let sb have** ▶ GIVE 1  
**let sb in** ▶ ENTER 8  
**let sb in on** ▶ TELL 11  
**let sb know** ▶ TELL 1  
**let sb off** ▶ PUNISH 3  
**let sb out** ▶ FREE 9  
**let sb see** ▶ SHOW 1  
**let sb take a look** ▶ SHOW 1  
**let sb use/let sb have** ▶ LEND 1  
**let slip** ▶ TELL 12  
**let sth go** ▶ GIVE 12  
**let sth go to your head** ▶ PROUD 2  
**let sth slip through your fingers**  
▶ CHANCE 6  
**let the air out of** ▶ AIR 5  
**let the cat out of the bag** ▶ TELL 12  
**let up on** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 7  
**let your hair down** ▶ RELAX/  
RELAXED 1  
**let yourself go** ▶ RELAX/RELAXED 1  
**let's** ▶ SUGGEST 5  
*(let's) get this show on the road*  
▶ START 13  
**let's face it** ▶ ADMIT 6  
**let's hope** ▶ HOPE 2  
**let/allow** ▶ LET/ALLOW 5  
**letdown**  
*be a letdown* ▶ DISAPPOINTED 2  
**lethal** ▶ KILL 10  
**lethargic** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 3  
**lethargy** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 8  
**letter** ▶ LETTER 1  
*thank-you letter/note* ▶ THANK 4  
**letup** ▶ PAUSE 3  
**level** ▶ AMOUNT 1, 6; FLAT/NOT  
FLAT 2, 3; HIGH 3; LEVEL 1, 2;  
POSITION/RANK 1  
*be level* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 4  
**level off/out** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 5  
**level with** ▶ HONEST 4  
**level-headed** ▶ CALM 1  
**lewd** ▶ SEX 17  
**liabilities** ▶ OWE 4  
**liability** ▶ DISADVANTAGE 1  
**liar** ▶ LIE 6  
**liberal** ▶ FREE 6; STRICT/NOT STRICT 8  
**liberate** ▶ FREE 7  
**liberties**  
*civil liberties* ▶ RIGHT 10  
**liberty** ▶ FREE 5  
*at liberty* ▶ FREE 8  
*be at liberty to do sth* ▶ FREE 3  
**libido** ▶ SEX 9  
**licence** ▶ LET/ALLOW 8,9  
*off licence* ▶ SHOP/STORE 2

**lick** ▶ EAT 1  
**lid** ▶ COVER 4  
*put the lid on* ▶ SHUT 2  
**lie** ▶ LIE 1, 2, 3, 4; PLACE 8  
*live a lie* ▶ PRETEND 1  
*tell a lie* ▶ LIE 3  
*white lie* ▶ LIE 4  
**lie awake** ▶ SLEEP 6  
**lie behind** ▶ REASON 4  
**lie down** ▶ LIE 1; REST 1  
**lie in**  
*have a lie in/sleep late* ▶ WAKE UP/  
GET UP 4  
**lie in wait** ▶ HIDE 2  
**lie low** ▶ HIDE 2  
**lieu**  
*in lieu* ▶ INSTEAD 1  
**life** ▶ ALIVE 1, 3; LIFE 1, 2; STORY 5  
*adult life* ▶ ADULT 3  
*all your life* ▶ LIFE 3  
*be full of life* ▶ ENERGETIC 2  
*be sb's whole life* ▶ IMPORTANT 5  
*for life* ▶ ALWAYS 4; LIFE 3  
*from/in all walks of life* ▶ VARIOUS/  
OF DIFFERENT KINDS 2  
*give your life/lay down your life*  
▶ DIE 4  
*have the time of your life/have a whale  
of a time* ▶ ENJOY 1  
*in real life* ▶ ACTUALLY 2  
*in your life* ▶ EVER 1  
*late in life* ▶ LATE 3  
*lead a charmed life* ▶ LUCKY 1  
*live the high life* ▶ SPEND MONEY/  
TIME 2  
*lose your life* ▶ DIE 2  
*loss of life* ▶ DIE 6  
*make life difficult* ▶ PROBLEM 8, 10  
*make sth come to life*  
▶ INTERESTING 6  
*put sb's life at risk* ▶ DANGEROUS 5  
*risk your life* ▶ DANGEROUS 4  
*story of your life* ▶ STORY 6  
*take your life in your hands*  
▶ DANGEROUS 4  
*take your own life* ▶ KILL 5  
*the love of your life* ▶ LOVE 6  
*true to life* ▶ REAL 7  
*way of life* ▶ LIFE 2  
*you've saved my life* ▶ THANK 1  
**life and death**  
*be a matter of life and death/be a  
matter of life or death* ▶ SERIOUS 1  
**life cycle** ▶ LIFE 1  
**life expectancy** ▶ LIFE 1  
**life form** ▶ ALIVE 3  
**life story** ▶ STORY 5  
**lifeless** ▶ DEAD 1  
**lifelike** ▶ REAL 7  
**lifeline**  
*throw sb a lifeline/throw a lifeline to  
sb* ▶ SAVE 7  
**lifelong** ▶ LIFE 3; LONG 7  
**lifespan** ▶ LIFE 1  
**lifestyle** ▶ LIFE 2  
**lifetime** ▶ LIFE 1  
*chance of a lifetime* ▶ CHANCE 4  
**lift** ▶ COPY 3; DRIVE 3; LIFT 1, 2  
*give sb a boost/a lift* ▶ CONFIDENT/  
NOT CONFIDENT 4  
*not lift a finger* ▶ HELP 8; LAZY 3  
**lift off** ▶ UP 4  
**lift up** ▶ LIFT 1  
**lift/lift up** ▶ UP 9

**light** ▶ BRIGHT 3; BURN 3; COLOUR 4;  
LIGHT 1, 2, 4; MEAL 10; SMOKING 5;  
STRICT/NOT STRICT 9  
*be a light sleeper* ▶ SLEEP 6  
*be out like a light* ▶ SLEEP 3  
*come to light/be brought to light*  
▶ FIND OUT 3  
*give sb a light* ▶ SMOKING 5  
*have you got a light?* ▶ SMOKING 5  
*it's light* ▶ LIGHT 1  
*switch/turn/put on the light(s)*  
▶ LIGHT 2  
*the light fades* ▶ DARK 2  
*throw/shed light on* ▶ EXPLAIN 1  
**light a fire** ▶ FIRE 4  
**light at the end of the tunnel**  
▶ HOPE 6  
**light sleeper** ▶ WAKE UP/GET UP 5  
**light up** ▶ LIGHT 2; SMOKING 5  
*sb's face lights up* ▶ SMILE 1  
**light-hearted** ▶ FUNNY 1  
**light/lightweight** ▶ THIN 10  
**lighten** ▶ LIGHT 5; REDUCE 2  
**lighten up** ▶ SERIOUS 9  
**lighter**  
*make sth lighter* ▶ LIGHT 5  
**lightning** ▶ WEATHER 13  
*like lightning* ▶ FAST 1  
**lights**  
*the lights are on* ▶ LIGHT 3  
**lightweight** ▶ LIGHT 4;  
UNIMPORTANT 4  
*light/lightweight* ▶ THIN 10  
**like** ▶ ENJOY 1; EXAMPLE 3; LIKE 1, 7;  
LIKE/SIMILAR 1, 2; WAY 8  
*be just like* ▶ TYPICAL 2  
*be like* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 6  
*feel like* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 1  
*get to like* ▶ LIKE 4  
*get/grow/come to like* ▶ LIKE 8  
*I'd like to thank* ▶ THANK 1  
*it looks as if/it looks like*  
▶ PROBABLY 1  
*it's not like sb* ▶ UNUSUAL 4  
*just like/exactly like* ▶ SAME 2  
*look like* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 6; LOOK 10  
*look/be just like* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 4  
*not be like/be unlike* ▶ TYPICAL 4  
*not feel like doing sth* ▶ WANT/NOT  
WANT 9  
*not feel like/not want anything*  
▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 2  
*not like* ▶ DIFFERENT 1; DISLIKE 1  
*not like the look/sound of*  
▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 1  
*put it like this/put it this way*  
▶ EXPLAIN 2  
*something like* ▶ ABOUT/  
APPROXIMATELY 2  
*that's more like it* ▶ BETTER 4  
*what sb/sth is like* ▶ DESCRIBE 1  
*whether you like it or not*  
▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 6  
*would like* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 1  
*would you like ...?* ▶ OFFER 1  
**like an oven** ▶ HOT 3  
**like best** ▶ FAVOURITE 1  
**like better** ▶ PREFER 1  
**like lightning** ▶ FAST 1  
**like taking candy from a baby**  
▶ EASY 2  
**like this** ▶ WAY 6  
**like this/like that** ▶ TYPE 1  
**like your food** ▶ EAT 11  
**like-minded** ▶ SAME 11



**likeable** ▶ NICE 1  
**likelihood** ▶ PROBABLY 7  
**likely** ▶ PROBABLY 1  
    *(a) likely story* ▶ BELIEVE 4  
    *not likely* ▶ REFUSE 2  
    *very likely/more than likely*  
        ▶ PROBABLY 2  
**liken** ▶ COMPARE 1  
**likes and dislikes** ▶ LIKE 6  
**liking**  
    *be to your liking* ▶ LIKE 1  
    *not be to your taste/liking*  
        ▶ DISLIKE 1  
    *take to sb/take a liking to* ▶ LIKE 8  
**limb** ▶ BODY 3  
**limelight**  
    *be in the spotlight/limelight*  
        ▶ FAMOUS 2  
**limit** ▶ LIMIT 1, 4  
    *be over the limit* ▶ DRUNK 5  
    *lower limit* ▶ LIMIT 2  
    *set/impose/put a limit* ▶ LIMIT 4  
    *the sky's the limit* ▶ LIMIT 6  
    *there are limits/there is a limit*  
        ▶ LIMIT 5  
    *there is no limit* ▶ LIMIT 6  
    *upper limit* ▶ LIMIT 1  
**limitations** ▶ DISADVANTAGE 1;  
    LIMIT 3  
**limited** ▶ LIMIT 5  
    *be limited* ▶ LIMIT 3  
    *be limited/restricted to* ▶ ONLY 5  
    *have some success/have limited success*  
        ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 1  
**limiting** ▶ STOP 29  
**limits** ▶ LIMIT 3  
    *be off limits* ▶ FORBID 4  
**limp** ▶ SOFT 4; WALK 5  
**line** ▶ LINE 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11;  
    OPINION 5  
    *be on the line* ▶ RISK 7  
    *bring sth into line with* ▶ SAME 7  
    *dotted line* ▶ LINE 1  
    *draw a line* ▶ LINE 9  
    *draw the line* ▶ REFUSE 1  
    *drop sb a line* ▶ WRITE 4  
    *in a straight line* ▶ STRAIGHT 2  
    *lay it on the line* ▶ CLEAR/NOT  
        CLEAR 2  
    *next in line* ▶ AFTER 6  
    *put sth on the line* ▶ RISK 5  
    *stand/wait/be in line*  
        ▶ LINE 11, WAIT 5  
    *step out of line* ▶ BEHAVE 3  
    *the bottom line* ▶ MAIN 2  
    *the front line/the front* ▶ WAR 5  
    *toe the line* ▶ OBEY 2  
**line manager** ▶ MANAGER 1  
**line of work/business** ▶ JOB 1  
**line up** ▶ ARRANGE 1; LINE 12; WAIT 5  
**lines** ▶ SHAPE 1  
    *along ... lines* ▶ WAY 8  
    *along different lines* ▶ DIFFERENT 9  
    *read between the lines* ▶ MEANING 6  
**linger** ▶ CONTINUE 12; STAY 3  
**lingering** ▶ LONG 7  
**lingo** ▶ LANGUAGE 1  
**linguistic** ▶ LANGUAGE 2  
**link** ▶ CONNECTED WITH/  
    RELATED 3, 5; JOIN 1, 2, 3  
    *establish a link* ▶ CONNECTED WITH/  
        RELATED 5  
**link/hyperlink** ▶ COMPUTERS/  
    INTERNET/EMAIL 8

**linked**  
    *be linked* ▶ CONNECTED WITH/  
        RELATED 1  
    *be linked with* ▶ CONNECTED WITH/  
        RELATED 2  
**links**  
    *have links/connections with*  
        ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 2  
    *sever links/connections/relations/ties*  
        ▶ SEPARATE 8  
**lion**  
    *the lion's share* ▶ MOST 1  
**lips**  
    *sb's name is on everyone's lips*  
        ▶ FAMOUS 2  
**liquid** ▶ LIQUID 1  
**liquor** ▶ DRINK 6  
**lisp** ▶ SPEAK 2  
**list** ▶ LIST 1, 2, 5  
    *mailing list* ▶ COMPUTERS/  
        INTERNET/EMAIL 10  
    *make a list* ▶ LIST 5  
    *short list/shortlist* ▶ LIST 2  
**listen** ▶ LISTEN 1, 3  
    *not listen* ▶ DETERMINED 3  
    *not listen to* ▶ IGNORE 1  
**listen for/listen out for** ▶ LISTEN 1  
**listen in** ▶ LISTEN 2  
**listen to** ▶ ADVISE 4; LISTEN 4  
**listen up** ▶ LISTEN 3  
**listener** ▶ LISTEN 5; TELEVISION/  
    RADIO 9  
    *be a good listener* ▶ LISTEN 5  
**listless** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 3  
**lit**  
    *be lit up* ▶ LIGHT 3  
**literacy** ▶ READ 9  
**literal** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 2  
**literate** ▶ READ 9  
**literature** ▶ BOOKS 2  
**lithe** ▶ GRACEFUL 1  
**litter** ▶ BABY 2; RUBBISH/GARBAGE 1  
**little** ▶ LITTLE 7; SHORT 7; SMALL 1;  
    YOUNG 1  
    *a little* ▶ LITTLE 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9  
    *a little bit* ▶ LITTLE 1, 3, 6, 8, 9  
    *a little while back* ▶ RECENTLY 1  
    *a little/short while*  
        ▶ TIME 9, SHORT 9  
    *a short/little while ago* ▶ RECENTLY 1  
    *the little guy* ▶ UNIMPORTANT 4  
    *there is little to choose between/there is*  
        *not much to choose between* ▶ LIKE/  
            SIMILAR 9  
    *too little/few* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT  
        ENOUGH 5  
    *very little* ▶ LITTLE 2, 3, 4, 7  
**little boy/little girl** ▶ CHILD 2  
**little by little/bit by bit** ▶ SLOW 2  
**little chance/hope/possibility/  
prospect** ▶ PROBABLY 9  
**little did I/she/he etc know**  
    ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 14  
**little finger**  
    *can wrap/twist/wind sb round your*  
        *little finger* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
            CONTROL 5, USE 20  
**little known** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 20  
**little known/little-known** ▶ KNOW/  
    NOT KNOW 21  
**little sister/brother** ▶ YOUNG 3  
**little-known**  
    *little known/little-known* ▶ KNOW/  
        NOT KNOW 21

**live** ▶ ALIVE 2; LIVE 1; SURVIVE 1  
    *be fit to live in* ▶ LIVE 7  
    *be living in the past* ▶ OLD-  
        FASHIONED 6  
    *chat/live chat* ▶ TALK 1  
    *not have anywhere to live* ▶ HOME 8  
    *real live* ▶ REAL 5  
    *sb will live to regret it* ▶ REGRET/NOT  
        REGRET 4  
    *somewhere to live* ▶ HOUSE 3  
**live a lie** ▶ PRETEND 1  
**live for** ▶ IMPORTANT 5  
**live from day to day** ▶ PLAN 11  
**live in fear** ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
    FRIGHTENING 1  
**live in the past** ▶ PAST 4  
**live it up/whoop it up** ▶ ENJOY 1  
**live on** ▶ SURVIVE 4  
**live side by side** ▶ WITH/  
    TOGETHER 1  
**live the high life** ▶ SPEND MONEY/  
    TIME 2  
**live through** ▶ EXPERIENCE 3  
**live together** ▶ LIVE 4  
**live up to** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 2  
    *not come up to/not live up to* ▶ GOOD  
        ENOUGH 4  
    *not live up to (sb's) expectations*  
        ▶ DISAPPOINTED 2  
**live well/happily/carefully etc**  
    ▶ LIFE 2  
**live with** ▶ LIVE 3, 4; STAND 5  
**livelihood** ▶ JOB 1  
**lively** ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 4;  
    ENERGETIC 2, 3  
**liven up** ▶ INTERESTING 6  
**livid** ▶ ANGRY 2  
**living** ▶ ALIVE 1  
    *earn/make a living* ▶ EARN 3  
    *eke out a living/an existence*  
        ▶ SURVIVE 4  
    *for a living* ▶ JOB 9  
    *in living memory* ▶ LONG 6  
**living proof** ▶ PROVE 3  
**living thing** ▶ ALIVE 3  
**load** ▶ AMOUNT 5; COMPUTERS/  
    INTERNET/EMAIL 6; FULL 3; PUT 10  
    *a load of* ▶ UNTRUE 4  
**load up** ▶ PUT 10  
**loaded**  
    *be loaded (down) with* ▶ CARRY 2  
    *be loaded/be rolling in it* ▶ RICH 2  
    *bombed/loaded/wasted* ▶ DRUNK 3  
    *leading/loaded question* ▶ ASK 7  
**loan** ▶ BORROW 4; LEND 4  
    *be on loan* ▶ BORROW 1; LEND 1  
    *give sb a loan* ▶ LEND 1  
    *give sb the use/loan of* ▶ LEND 1  
    *take out a loan* ▶ BORROW 2  
**loan a painting/work of art etc**  
    ▶ LEND 1  
**loan-shark** ▶ LEND 3  
**loath**  
    *be loath to do sth* ▶ WILLING 3  
**loathe** ▶ HATE 1, 2  
**loathing** ▶ HATE 3  
**lob** ▶ THROW 1  
**local** ▶ LIVE 5; NEAR 2  
**locality** ▶ AREA 1  
**locate** ▶ FIND 2  
**located**  
    *be located/situated* ▶ PLACE 9  
**location** ▶ PLACE 1  
    *exact/precise location* ▶ PLACE 2



**lock** ▶ SHUT 5  
**lock out** ▶ ENTER 9  
**lock sb out** ▶ SHUT 5  
**lock sb up/away** ▶ KEEP 9  
**lock up** ▶ PRISON 2; SHUT 5  
**lock, stock, and barrel** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 2  
**locked** ▶ SHUT 7  
**lodge** ▶ STAY 5  
**lodge a complaint** ▶ COMPLAIN 1  
**lodger** ▶ STAY 6  
**lodgings** ▶ STAY 7  
**log** ▶ RECORD 1, 2  
*sleep like a log* ▶ SLEEP 5  
**log on/log in/sign in** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 5  
**log out/log off/sign out** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 5  
**loggerheads**  
*be at loggerheads* ▶ DISAGREE 2  
**logic** ▶ LOGICAL 3  
**logical** ▶ LOGICAL 1, 2; SENSIBLE 2  
**logo** ▶ SIGN 2  
**lone** ▶ ONLY 1  
**lonely** ▶ ALONE 4  
**loner** ▶ ALONE 3  
**long** ▶ LONG 1, 2, 5, 6, 7; TIME 10; WANT/NOT WANT 4  
*all day/night/summer etc long* ▶ ALWAYS 3  
*all day/week etc long* ▶ LONG 6  
*as long as/provided (that)/providing (that)* ▶ IF 3  
*as old/strong/long etc as* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 1  
*be 5 metres high/2 miles long/6 centimetres wide etc* ▶ SIZE 3  
*be a bit long in the tooth* ▶ OLD 3  
*before long* ▶ SOON 1  
*for as long as you can remember* ▶ ALWAYS 5  
*for long* ▶ LONG 6  
*how long* ▶ TIME 7  
*it wasn't long before* ▶ SOON 1  
*not long* ▶ TIME 9  
*not take long* ▶ SHORT 10  
*so long* ▶ GOODBYE 1  
*to cut a long story short* ▶ SUMMARIZE 3  
*won't be long* ▶ SOON 1  
**long ago**  
*not long ago* ▶ RECENTLY 1  
**long range**  
*at long range* ▶ FAR 2  
**long term**  
*in the long/short/medium term* ▶ FUTURE 1  
**long time**  
*a long time* ▶ LONG 6; TIME 10  
*take a long time* ▶ LONG 10  
**long way**  
*a long way* ▶ FAR 1  
*a long way off/far off/far away* ▶ FAR 2  
*a long/short way* ▶ DISTANCE 1  
*go back a long way* ▶ FRIEND 2  
*will go far/will go a long way* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 9  
**long-awaited** ▶ EXPECT 9; WAIT 1  
**long-distance** ▶ FAR 5  
**long-drawn-out** ▶ LONG 8  
**long-haul** ▶ FAR 5  
**long-range** ▶ FAR 5  
**long-running** ▶ LONG 7

**long-sighted** ▶ SEE 12  
**long-standing** ▶ LONG 7  
**long-winded** ▶ LONG 8; TALK 8  
**longer**  
*get longer* ▶ LONG 4  
*make sth longer* ▶ LONG 3  
*no longer* ▶ NOW 6  
*no longer exist/not exist any more* ▶ EXIST 3  
**longest time**  
*for the longest time* ▶ LONG 6  
*the longest time* ▶ TIME 10  
**longevity** ▶ LONG 13  
**longing/yearning** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 6  
**loo**  
*go to the toilet/bathroom/loo etc* ▶ TOILET 2  
**loo/bog** ▶ TOILET 1  
**look** ▶ EXPRESSION ON SB'S FACE 1; LOOK 1, 9, 10; SEEM 1  
*can't look sb in the face/not be able to look sb in the face* ▶ ASHAMED 1  
*get a look (at)* ▶ SEE 1  
*give sb a dirty look* ▶ DISAPPROVE 3; LOOK 4  
*have a look* ▶ LOOK FOR 1  
*have a look at* ▶ READ 2  
*it looks as if/it looks like* ▶ PROBABLY 1  
*let sb take a look* ▶ SHOW 1  
*not much to look at* ▶ UGLY 2  
*take a look/have a look* ▶ LOOK 1  
*take a quick look/have a quick look* ▶ LOOK 3  
*take one look* ▶ LOOK 3  
*take/have a look at* ▶ EXAMINE 1  
*wherever you go/look* ▶ EVERYWHERE 2  
**look after** ▶ LOOK AFTER 5, 7  
**look after/take care of** ▶ LOOK AFTER 1  
**look ahead** ▶ PLAN 6  
**look around** ▶ LOOK 8  
**look around for** ▶ LOOK FOR 2  
**look around/take a look around/have a look around** ▶ LOOK 6  
**look away** ▶ LOOK 8  
**look back**  
*think back/look back* ▶ REMEMBER 1  
**look carefully/closely** ▶ EXAMINE 1  
**look daggers at** ▶ LOOK 4  
**look down on** ▶ PROUD 4  
**look for** ▶ LOOK FOR 1, 2  
*be looking/spoiling for a fight/itching for a fight* ▶ FIGHT 2  
**look for/search for** ▶ LOOK FOR 4  
**look forward to** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 1; WAIT 6  
**look good on** ▶ SUIT/LOOK GOOD TOGETHER 1  
**look in on** ▶ VISIT 5  
**look into** ▶ FIND OUT 7  
**look like** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 6; LOOK 10  
**look like death warmed up** ▶ ILL/SICK 1  
**look of**  
*not like the look/sound of* ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 1  
**look on** ▶ WATCH 1  
*think of sb/sth as/look on sb/sth as* ▶ THINK 8

**look out for yourself/look after number one** ▶ SELFISH/NOT SELFISH 1  
**look out/watch out** ▶ WARN 2  
**look out/watch out!** ▶ CAREFUL 3  
**look over** ▶ EXAMINE 1; LOOK 1  
**look right through** ▶ IGNORE 2  
**look sb up and down** ▶ LOOK 2  
**look to**  
*be looking to do sth* ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 1  
**look up** ▶ LOOK 8; LOOK FOR 3; VISIT 1  
*things are looking up* ▶ IMPROVE 1  
**look up to** ▶ ADMIRE 1  
**look young for your age** ▶ YOUNG 8  
**look-alike** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 5  
**look/be just like** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 4  
**look/watch out for** ▶ WATCH 7  
**looking**  
*I'm just looking* ▶ LOOK 6  
**lookout**  
*be on the lookout for* ▶ LOOK FOR 2  
**looks** ▶ LOOK 9  
*good looks* ▶ BEAUTIFUL 7  
*if looks could kill* ▶ LOOK 4  
*sb looks/seems suspicious* ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 9  
**loom** ▶ SOON 4  
**loom/loom up** ▶ APPEAR 1  
**loony**  
*nutcase/loony* ▶ CRAZY 6  
**loop** ▶ CIRCLE 1, 4  
*knock/throw sb for a loop* ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 3  
**loophole** ▶ LAW 3  
**loose** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 7; LOOSE 1, 4, 6  
*be on the loose/be at large* ▶ ESCAPE 5  
*have a screw loose* ▶ CRAZY 1  
**loose end**  
*be at a loose end* ▶ DO/NOT DO 16  
**loose ends**  
*tie up the loose ends* ▶ FINISH 2  
**loose-fitting** ▶ LOOSE 1  
**loosen** ▶ FASTEN/UNFASTEN 2; LOOSE 3, 5, 7  
**loosen up** ▶ RELAX/RELAXED 1, 2  
**loot** ▶ STEAL 2, 8  
**lop off** ▶ CUT 7  
**lopsided** ▶ SHAPE 3  
**Lord**  
*turn to Jesus/the Lord/God/Christ* ▶ RELIGION 7  
**lose** ▶ DIE 7; HAVE/NOT HAVE 10; LOSE 1, 3; SPEND MONEY/TIME 13  
**lose (your) concentration** ▶ ATTENTION 4  
**lose confidence** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 5  
**lose consciousness** ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 2  
**lose contact** ▶ CONTACT 5  
**lose control** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 10, 14  
**lose count** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 8  
**lose face** ▶ ASHAMED 2  
**lose heart** ▶ HOPE 8  
**lose hope/give up hope** ▶ HOPE 8  
**lose interest** ▶ INTERESTED 5  
**lose it** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 14  
**lose its colour** ▶ COLOUR 9  
**lose its shape** ▶ SHAPE 3



**lose money on** ▶ GAMBLING 1  
**lose no time** ▶ IMMEDIATELY 2  
**lose out** ▶ GET 12  
**lose sight of** ▶ SEE 6  
**lose sleep**  
*not lose sleep over* ▶ WORRIED/  
 WORRYING 9  
**lose the baby** ▶ BABY 10  
**lose the plot** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
 UNDERSTAND 9  
**lose touch** ▶ CONTACT 5; KNOW/NOT  
 KNOW 17  
**lose track of** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 17  
**lose weight** ▶ THIN 7  
**lose your appetite** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT  
 HUNGRY 2  
**lose your balance** ▶ BALANCE 4;  
 FALL 2  
**lose your bearings** ▶ LOST 2  
**lose your footing** ▶ FALL 2  
**lose your grip (on sth)** ▶ CONTROL/  
 NOT CONTROL 10  
**lose your job** ▶ LEAVE 23  
**lose your life** ▶ DIE 2  
**lose your nerve** ▶ BRAVE/NOT  
 BRAVE 7  
**lose your temper** ▶ ANGRY 6  
**lose your train of thought**  
 ▶ SUBJECT 7  
**lose your virginity** ▶ SEX 4  
**lose your voice** ▶ SPEAK 8  
**lose your way** ▶ LOST 2  
**loser** ▶ LOSE 6  
**losing** ▶ LOSE 6  
*be losing* ▶ LOSE 5  
**loss** ▶ LOSE 1  
*be at a loss for words*  
 ▶ EXPRESS 3, SPEAK 8, SAY 10, SU  
 RPRISED/SURPRISING 3  
*memory loss* ▶ FORGET 6  
**loss of life** ▶ DIE 6  
**losses**  
*suffer heavy losses* ▶ DIE 2  
**lost** ▶ LOSE 2  
*be lost* ▶ LOST 1  
*be lost for words*  
 ▶ EXPRESS 3, SPEAK 8, SAY 10, SU  
 RPRISED/SURPRISING 3  
*be lost/deep in thought* ▶ THINK 5  
*get lost* ▶ LEAVE 3; LOST 2  
*there is no love lost between sb*  
 ▶ DISLIKE 2  
**lost cause** ▶ FAIL 4  
**lost opportunity** ▶ CHANCE 6  
**lot** ▶ AREA 4; GROUP 3, 10  
*a lot* ▶ LOT 1, 2, 10, 14; OFTEN 1  
*a lot of money* ▶ MONEY 5  
*be worth a lot* ▶ VALUE 2  
*have a lot on* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 1  
*have a lot on your mind* ▶ WORRIED/  
 WORRYING 4  
*have a lot on your plate* ▶ PROBLEM 6  
*have a lot to do* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 1  
*mean a lot to* ▶ IMPORTANT 5  
*say a lot for/about* ▶ SHOW 10  
*the lot* ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 1  
*the lot of them/us/you etc*  
 ▶ EVERYONE 1  
*vacant lot* ▶ AREA 6  
**lots** ▶ LOT 1, 2  
**loud** ▶ LOUD 1  
**lounge** ▶ SIT 1  
*sit/lounge/laze around* ▶ LAZY 3

**lousy** ▶ BAD AT DOING STH 2  
*awful/terrible/appalling/lousy*  
 ▶ BAD 1  
**lout** ▶ RUDE 4  
**loutish** ▶ RUDE 1  
**lovable** ▶ NICE 1  
**love** ▶ ENJOY 1; LOVE 1, 3, 4  
*be in love* ▶ LOVE 1  
*fall in love* ▶ LOVE 2  
*fall/be head-over-heels (in love)*  
 ▶ LOVE 2  
*give my love/regards to* ▶ HELLO 3  
*make love* ▶ SEX 4  
*sb's passion/sb's love* ▶ LIKE 6  
*send your love* ▶ HELLO 3  
*the love of your life* ▶ LOVE 6  
*the one you love* ▶ LOVE 6  
*there is no love lost between sb*  
 ▶ DISLIKE 2  
*would love* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 2  
**love (from)** ▶ LETTER 3  
**love at first sight** ▶ LOVE 2  
**love story**  
*romance/love story* ▶ LOVE 7  
**love/adore** ▶ LIKE 2  
**loved ones**  
*sb's loved ones* ▶ LOVE 6  
**lovely** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1, 3, 5, 6;  
 NICE 1, 2  
**lover** ▶ GIRLFRIEND/BOYFRIEND 1;  
 LIKE 5  
**lovesick** ▶ LOVE 5  
**love-dovey/goosey** ▶ LOVE 5  
**loving** ▶ LOVE 5  
**low** ▶ BRIGHT 4; LITTLE 1; LOW 1, 2, 3;  
 QUIET 3; SMALL 3; VOICE 4  
*an all-time low* ▶ LEAST 3  
*be low in price* ▶ CHEAP 1  
*down/low* ▶ SAD 2  
*have a low opinion of*  
 ▶ DISAPPROVE 1  
*keep a low profile* ▶ ATTENTION 9  
*lie low* ▶ HIDE 2  
**low down**  
*be low down* ▶ POSITION/RANK 5  
**low on**  
*be short of/be low on* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT  
 ENOUGH 7  
**low pay** ▶ EARN 7  
**low speed**  
*at low speed* ▶ SLOW 1  
**low-alcohol** ▶ DRINK 7  
**low-budget** ▶ CHEAP 1  
**low-cost** ▶ CHEAP 1  
**low-down**  
*give sb the low-down* ▶ TELL 3  
**low-lying** ▶ LOW 1  
**low-paid** ▶ EARN 6  
**low-quality** ▶ BAD 2  
**low-ranking** ▶ POSITION/RANK 5  
**low-rise** ▶ LOW 1  
**low-tech** ▶ SIMPLE 2  
**low/lowest ebb** ▶ LEAST 3  
**lower** ▶ BOTTOM 2; DOWN 6;  
 LESS 1, 2; REDUCE 1  
**lower limit** ▶ LIMIT 2  
**lower your voice** ▶ QUIET 5  
**lower-class** ▶ CLASS 7  
**lowest**  
*the lowest* ▶ LEAST 2  
**loyal** ▶ LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 1; TRUST/  
 NOT TRUST 2  
**loyalty** ▶ LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 2  
**Ltd** ▶ COMPANY 5

**luck** ▶ LUCKY 3  
*a run of bad luck* ▶ UNLUCKY 1  
*a stroke of luck* ▶ LUCKY 2  
*as bad luck would have it*  
 ▶ UNLUCKY 3  
*as luck would have it* ▶ CHANCE 1  
*bad luck* ▶ SYMPATHIZE 4;  
 UNLUCKY 5  
*be bad luck* ▶ UNLUCKY 3  
*be down on your luck* ▶ POOR 2  
*be in luck* ▶ LUCKY 1  
*be out of luck* ▶ UNLUCKY 1  
*be/bring bad luck* ▶ UNLUCKY 4  
*good luck/best of luck* ▶ LUCKY 4  
*have bad luck* ▶ UNLUCKY 1  
*just my luck* ▶ UNLUCKY 2  
*push your luck* ▶ RISK 4  
*some people have all the luck*  
 ▶ LUCKY 1  
*wish sb luck* ▶ LUCKY 4  
*with any luck* ▶ HOPE 2  
*with my luck* ▶ UNLUCKY 2  
**luck out** ▶ LUCKY 1  
**luck/chance** ▶ CHANCE 1  
**luckily/fortunately** ▶ LUCKY 2  
**lucky** ▶ LUCKY 1, 2, 5  
*be lucky enough to do sth/have the  
 good fortune to do sth* ▶ LUCKY 1  
*be your lucky day/night etc*  
 ▶ LUCKY 2  
**lucrative** ▶ EARN 5; PROFIT 5  
**ludicrous** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 2  
**lug** ▶ CARRY 1  
**lukewarm** ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/  
 UNENTHUSIASTIC 5; HOT 4  
**lull** ▶ PAUSE 3  
**luminous** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 3  
**lump** ▶ PIECE 3; STICK OUT 3  
*bring tears to sb's eyes/bring a lump to  
 sb's throat* ▶ CRY 4  
*have a lump in your throat* ▶ CRY 3  
**lumpy** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 6; LIQUID 4  
**lunacy**  
*madness/lunacy* ▶ CRAZY 2  
**lunatic**  
*maniac/lunatic* ▶ CRAZY 6  
**lunatic fringe** ▶ EXTREME 2  
**lunch** ▶ MEAL 3  
*be out to lunch/be out of your tree*  
 ▶ CRAZY 1  
**luncheon** ▶ MEAL 5  
**lurch** ▶ WALK 6  
**lure** ▶ ATTRACT/ATTRACTION 2;  
 PERSUADE 7  
*the lure of sth* ▶ ATTRACT/  
 ATTRACTION 4  
**lurid** ▶ COLOUR 3  
**lurk/skulk** ▶ HIDE 2  
**lush** ▶ DRUNK 6  
**lust** ▶ SEX 9; WANT/NOT WANT 6  
**lust after** ▶ SEX 11  
**lustre** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 6  
**luvvie** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 1  
**luxurious** ▶ COMFORTABLE/  
 UNCOMFORTABLE 2; EXPENSIVE 3

**m**

**ma'am** ▶ WOMAN 3  
**machine** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
 EMAIL 1; MACHINE 1  
*well-oiled machine* ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT  
 EFFICIENT 1  
**machinery** ▶ MACHINE 1



**macho** ▶ MAN 3  
**mad** ▶ ANGRY 1; MENTALLY ILL 1  
*drive sb crazy/nuts/mad/insane*  
 ▶ CRAZY 5  
*go crazy/go nuts/go mad*  
 ▶ CRAZY 3, 4  
**mad/barmy** ▶ CRAZY 1  
**Madam**  
*Dear Sir/Sirs/Sir or Madam*  
 ▶ LETTER 2  
**madam** ▶ WOMAN 3  
**made**  
*badly made* ▶ BAD 2  
*be made/set up for life* ▶ RICH 5  
**made for**  
*be made for* ▶ SUITABLE 2  
*be made for each other* ▶ SUITABLE 3  
**made in**  
*be made in* ▶ COME FROM 4  
**made of**  
*be made of* ▶ CONSIST OF 1  
**made of money**  
*I'm not made of money* ▶ RICH 6  
**made out of**  
*be made out of* ▶ CONSIST OF 1  
**made up of**  
*consist of/be made up of* ▶ CONSIST OF 1  
**madness** ▶ MENTALLY ILL 2  
**madness/lunacy** ▶ CRAZY 2  
**magazine** ▶ NEWSPAPERS 1  
*glossy magazine* ▶ NEWSPAPERS 1  
**magic** ▶ MAGIC 1, 3  
*as if by magic* ▶ MYSTERIOUS 2  
*black magic* ▶ MAGIC 1  
**magician** ▶ MAGIC 2  
**magician/wizard** ▶ MAGIC 2  
**magnate** ▶ RICH 4  
**magnificent** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 4, 5, 6  
**magnify** ▶ BIG 10  
**magnitude** ▶ BIG 8  
**maid of honour** ▶ MARRY 9  
**maiden** ▶ FIRST 4  
**maiden name** ▶ NAME 1  
**mail**  
*junk mail/direct mail*  
 ▶ ADVERTISING 3  
**mailing list** ▶ COMPUTERS/  
 INTERNET/EMAIL 10  
**maim** ▶ HURT/INJURE 4  
**main** ▶ MAIN 1  
*the main/key points* ▶ MAIN 3  
**mainly** ▶ MAIN 4  
*mostly/mainly/largely* ▶ MOST 5, 6  
**mainstream** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 1  
**maintain** ▶ CONTINUE 4; LOOK  
 AFTER 7; SAY 3  
**maintenance** ▶ LOOK AFTER 7;  
 MONEY 12; REPAIR 3  
*pay maintenance* ▶ PAY 10  
**majestic** ▶ IMPRESS 4  
**major** ▶ BIG 7; IMPORTANT 1; MAIN 1;  
 SUBJECT 3  
*English/history etc major* ▶ STUDY 5  
**major in** ▶ STUDY 1  
**majority**  
*be in the majority* ▶ MOST 5  
*the/a majority* ▶ MOST 1  
**majority view** ▶ OPINION 4

**make** ▶ BE 1; CAUSE 5, 6; COOK 1;  
 COUNT/CALCULATE 2; DO/NOT DO 1;  
 EARN 1; FORCE SB TO DO STH 1, 2;  
 GET 5; IMPROVE 4; MAKE 1; PROFIT 3;  
 REACH 4; SCORE 1; TOTAL 2; TYPE 3  
*make yourself out to be* ▶ PRETEND 2  
**make believe** ▶ PRETEND 4  
**make for** ▶ CAUSE 1  
**make fun of** ▶ LAUGH 2; MAKE FUN  
 OF 1  
**make good** ▶ RICH 5  
**make it** ▶ ARRIVE 1; REACH 4;  
 SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 2, 6;  
 SURVIVE 1  
*not make it* ▶ FAIL 1  
**make love** ▶ SEX 4  
**make of** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
 UNDERSTAND 5  
**make out** ▶ PRETEND 1; SEE 2;  
 WRITE 9  
*can make out* ▶ HEAR 3  
*can't make out* ▶ READ 12  
*can't make sth out* ▶ HEAR 4  
**make over** ▶ GIVE 8  
**make progress** ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE  
 PROGRESS 1; SUCCEED/  
 SUCCESSFUL 1  
**make room** ▶ SPACE 2  
**make sb do sth** ▶ CAUSE 2  
**make sb sth** ▶ JOB 8  
**make sb's day** ▶ HAPPY 5  
**make sense** ▶ LOGICAL 1;  
 SENSIBLE 2  
*not make sense/make no sense*  
 ▶ LOGICAL 4  
**make sense of** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
 UNDERSTAND 1  
**make sth known** ▶ TELL 6  
**make sure (that) you ...** ▶ ADVISE 2  
**make sure/make certain**  
 ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 7; CHECK 1  
**make the grade** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 2  
**make too much of**  
 ▶ EXAGGERATE 1; IMPORTANT 7  
**make up** ▶ ARGUE 7; COMPLETE/NOT  
 COMPLETE 3; INVENT 1; LIE 5;  
 UNTRUE 2  
**make up for** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 5  
**make up your mind** ▶ DECIDE 1  
**make up/form** ▶ BE 2  
**make use of** ▶ USE 1, 2, 3, 5  
**make way** ▶ SPACE 2  
**make your getaway** ▶ LEAVE 7  
**make-up** ▶ CHARACTER 1  
**make/head for** ▶ TOWARDS 2  
**maker** ▶ MAKE 6  
**makeshift** ▶ MAKE 2  
**making**  
*in the making* ▶ FUTURE 6  
**makings**  
*have the makings of* ▶ GOOD AT 5  
**male** ▶ MAN 1, 2  
**malfunction** ▶ BROKEN/NOT  
 BROKEN 4  
**malicious** ▶ CRUEL 3  
**malinger** ▶ WORK HARD 8  
**mall**  
*strip mall* ▶ SHOP/STORE 4  
**mall/shopping mall** ▶ SHOP/  
 STORE 4  
**malnourished** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT  
 HUNGRY 5

**malnutrition** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT  
 HUNGRY 6  
**maltreatment**  
*mistreatment/ill-treatment/  
 maltreatment* ▶ CRUEL 4  
**man** ▶ MAN 1, 3; PERSON/PEOPLE 2  
*a man/woman after your own heart*  
 ▶ LIKE 7  
*a man/woman of few words*  
 ▶ TALK 13  
*be a fine figure of a man*  
 ▶ BEAUTIFUL 2  
*be a man/woman of the world*  
 ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT  
 EXPERIENCED 5  
*be your own man/woman*  
 ▶ INDEPENDENT 5  
*best man* ▶ MARRY 9  
*dirty old man* ▶ SEX 12  
*grown man/woman* ▶ ADULT 1  
*new man* ▶ MAN 1  
*old man* ▶ FATHER 1  
*old man/woman/lady etc* ▶ OLD 5  
*right-hand man* ▶ HELP 5  
*the man/woman in the street*  
 ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 3  
**man and wife** ▶ MARRY 10  
**man-made** ▶ ARTIFICIAL 1  
**man/woman/person of means**  
 ▶ RICH 4  
**manage** ▶ DEAL WITH 3; IN CHARGE  
 OF 1; SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 1  
*can't do/manage without* ▶ USEFUL 2  
*do without/manage without* ▶ HAVE/  
 NOT HAVE 7  
**management** ▶ MANAGER 4, 5  
**manager** ▶ IN CHARGE OF 2;  
 MANAGER 1; SHOP/STORE 5  
*line manager* ▶ MANAGER 1  
**managerial** ▶ MANAGER 5  
**managing director** ▶ MANAGER 2  
**mandatory** ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE  
 TO 2  
**manhandle** ▶ PUSH 1  
**mania** ▶ OBSESSION 1  
**maniac**  
*sex maniac* ▶ SEX 12  
**maniac/lunatic** ▶ CRAZY 6  
**manifestation** ▶ SIGN 5  
**manipulate** ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
 CONTROL 2; USE 20  
**mankind/humankind** ▶ PERSON/  
 PEOPLE 2  
**manly** ▶ MAN 3  
**manner** ▶ BEHAVE 5; WAY 7  
*all manner of sth* ▶ VARIOUS/OF  
 DIFFERENT KINDS 2  
*in a ... way/manner* ▶ WAY 8  
**mannerism** ▶ HABIT 1  
**manners** ▶ POLITE 4  
*bad manners* ▶ RUDE 1  
*good manners* ▶ POLITE 4  
**manpower** ▶ WORK FOR SB 4  
**mansion** ▶ HOUSE 1  
**manslaughter** ▶ KILL 2  
**manual** ▶ INSTRUCTIONS 1  
**manufacture** ▶ MAKE 1, 7  
**manufacturer** ▶ MAKE 6  
**manufacturing/manufacturing  
 industry** ▶ MAKE 7  
**manuscript** ▶ WRITE 13  
**many** ▶ LOT 2  
*a great many* ▶ LOT 3  
*how many* ▶ AMOUNT 2



*how many times* ▶ OFTEN 5  
*not as many/not so many* ▶ LESS 1  
*not many* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 1  
*not too/very many* ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 5  
*there aren't many around* ▶ RARE/RARELY 1  
*too many* ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 2  
**many thanks** ▶ THANK 1  
**many times** ▶ OFTEN 1  
**map out** ▶ PLAN 5  
**mar** ▶ SPOIL 1, 4  
**march** ▶ PROTEST 1, 2; WALK 2, 13  
**marcher** ▶ PROTEST 3  
**margin** ▶ EDGE 1; SIDE 1  
*win by a narrow margin* ▶ WIN 5  
**marginal** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 3  
**Marines**  
*the Marines/the Marine Corps* ▶ ARMY 1  
**marital** ▶ MARRY 11  
**mark** ▶ CELEBRATE 1; GRADE 1, 2; MARK 1, 2, 3, 4; SHOW 2  
*be way off the mark* ▶ WRONG 1  
*be wide of the mark* ▶ GUESS 4  
*distinguishing feature/mark/characteristic* ▶ DIFFERENT 7  
*leave a mark/leave a stain* ▶ MARK 2  
*leave a mark/leave its mark* ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 2  
*make your mark* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 6  
*the 1000/two million etc mark* ▶ LEVEL 1  
**mark down**  
*be marked down* ▶ CHEAP 6  
**market** ▶ ADVERTISING 1; BUY 5; SHOP/STORE 4  
*black market* ▶ SELL 2  
*on the market* ▶ SELL 9  
*price sth out of the market* ▶ EXPENSIVE 4  
*put sth on the market* ▶ SELL 8  
*take sth off the market* ▶ SELL 10  
**market trader** ▶ SHOP/STORE 5  
**marketing** ▶ ADVERTISING 2  
**markings** ▶ PATTERN 1  
**marksman** ▶ SHOOT 7  
**marriage** ▶ MARRY 2, 7  
*arranged marriage* ▶ MARRY 5  
*by marriage* ▶ FAMILY 5  
*mixed marriage* ▶ RACE 2  
**married** ▶ MARRY 10, 11  
*be married* ▶ MARRY 2  
*get married* ▶ MARRY 1  
*not married* ▶ MARRY 12  
**marry** ▶ MARRY 1, 8  
*ask sb to marry you* ▶ MARRY 3  
**marry into** ▶ MARRY 1  
**marry into money** ▶ RICH 5  
**marry off** ▶ MARRY 5  
**martyr** ▶ DIE 4; SUFFER 5  
**marvellous/wonderful/fantastic/terrific** ▶ GOOD 1  
**masculine** ▶ MAN 3  
**mash** ▶ SQUASH 1  
**mashed** ▶ SQUASH 2  
**mask**  
*disguise/mask* ▶ HIDE 7  
**masochist** ▶ SUFFER 5  
**masquerade as** ▶ PRETEND 2  
**mass** ▶ CROWD 1  
**mass murder** ▶ KILL 4  
**mass-produce** ▶ MAKE 1

**massacre** ▶ KILL 3, 4  
*crush/slaughter/massacre/annihilate* ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 2  
**masses**  
*the masses* ▶ CLASS 7  
**massive** ▶ BIG 2, 6  
**master** ▶ LEARN 1  
**master's degree/master's** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 7  
**mastermind** ▶ PLAN 4, 5  
**masterpiece** ▶ ART/CULTURE 2; GOOD 5  
**match** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 1; GAME 2; SAME 2; SPORT/GAME 4; SUIT/LOOK GOOD TOGETHER 2  
*be a perfect match/pair/couple* ▶ SUITABLE 3  
*be more than a match for* ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 1; BETTER 1  
*equal/match* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 3  
*meet your match* ▶ LOSE 3  
*not match* ▶ SUIT/LOOK GOOD TOGETHER 3  
**match up** ▶ SAME 8  
**matched**  
*be evenly matched* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 3  
**matching** ▶ SUIT/LOOK GOOD TOGETHER 2  
**mate** ▶ FRIEND 1; MAN 4; SEX 4  
**material** ▶ INFORMATION 1; MATERIAL 1, 2  
**materialistic** ▶ GREEDY 2  
**materialize** ▶ HAPPEN 2  
**maternal** ▶ MOTHER 4, 5  
**maternity** ▶ BABY 8  
**matrimonial** ▶ MARRY 11  
**matrimony** ▶ MARRY 2  
**matron of honour** ▶ MARRY 9  
**matt** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 7  
**matter** ▶ MATERIAL 1; SUBJECT 1  
*be a matter of life and death/be a matter of life or death* ▶ SERIOUS 1  
*be no laughing matter* ▶ SERIOUS 1  
*be sth wrong with/be sth the matter with* ▶ FAULT 1  
*it doesn't matter* ▶ UNIMPORTANT 2  
*no matter* ▶ NO MATTER WHAT/HOW MUCH ETC 1  
*subject matter* ▶ SUBJECT 1  
*take it up with/take the matter up with* ▶ COMPLAIN 1  
*what's wrong/what's the matter* ▶ PROBLEM 14  
*whoever/no matter who* ▶ ANYTHING/ANYBODY 2  
**matter of fact**  
*actually/as a matter of fact/in fact* ▶ ACTUALLY 3  
**matter of time**  
*it's only/just a matter of time* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 2  
**matter-of-fact** ▶ FEEL 13  
**matters**  
*to make matters/things worse* ▶ WORSE 3  
**mature** ▶ ADULT 2; GROW 1, 2; SENSIBLE 1  
**maturity** ▶ ADULT 3  
**maximize** ▶ INCREASE 6  
**maximum** ▶ LIMIT 1; MOST 3  
**may** ▶ LET/ALLOW 4  
*come what may* ▶ NO MATTER WHAT/HOW MUCH ETC 1

**may as well**  
*we may as well* ▶ SUGGEST 5  
**may be ... but ...** ▶ ALTHOUGH 1  
**may I** ▶ LET/ALLOW 2  
**may/could/might well** ▶ PROBABLY 1  
**may/might/could** ▶ MAYBE 1  
**maybe/perhaps** ▶ MAYBE 1; SUGGEST 5  
**maze/labyrinth** ▶ LOST 3  
**McCoy**  
*the real McCoy* ▶ REAL 1  
**meal** ▶ MEAL 1  
*evening meal* ▶ MEAL 4  
*hardly touch your food/dinner/meal etc* ▶ EAT 7  
*make a meal (out) of* ▶ DIFFICULT 11  
*midday meal* ▶ MEAL 3  
*slap-up meal* ▶ MEAL 8  
*three-course meal* ▶ MEAL 8  
**mean** ▶ GENEROUS/NOT GENEROUS 2; HORRIBLE 1; MEANING 3, 4; SERIOUS 3; SHOW 8, 12; SPEND MONEY/TIME 8; UNKIND 1  
*be/mean (all) the world to* ▶ IMPORTANT 5  
*I mean* ▶ EXPLAIN 2  
*take sth to mean* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 5  
*understand sth/sb to mean* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 5; MEANING 6  
**mean a lot to** ▶ IMPORTANT 5  
**mean business** ▶ DETERMINED 1; SERIOUS 3  
**mean to**  
*not mean to do sth* ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 2; ACCIDENTALLY 1  
**mean to do sth** ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 1  
**mean well** ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 6  
**meaning** ▶ MEANING 1  
*double meaning/entendre* ▶ JOKE 1  
**meaningless** ▶ MEANING 10; PURPOSE 5  
**means** ▶ MONEY 6; WAY 3  
*by all means* ▶ YES 2  
*by means of* ▶ WAY 6  
*by no means/not by any means* ▶ NOT 2  
*know what sb means* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 1  
*man/woman/person of means* ▶ RICH 4  
*ways and means* ▶ WAY 5  
**meant**  
*be meant to be* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 6  
*to be meant/supposed to do sth* ▶ PURPOSE 3; INTEND/NOT INTEND 4  
**meantime**  
*in the meanwhile/in the meantime* ▶ NOW 5; DURING 2  
**meanwhile** ▶ DURING 2; TIME 17  
*in the meanwhile/in the meantime* ▶ NOW 5  
**measurable** ▶ MEASURE 5  
**measure** ▶ DO/NOT DO 10; MEASURE 1, 3, 4; SIZE 3  
*a measure of* ▶ SOME/SEVERAL 2  
**measure up** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 2  
**measurement** ▶ MEASURE 2



**measures**

*take steps/take measures* ▶ DO/NOT DO 9

**mechanical** ▶ MACHINE 3

**mechanism** ▶ MACHINE 1; SYSTEM 1

**medal** ▶ WIN 9

**meddle** ▶ INTERFERE 1

**meddling/meddlesome** ▶ INTERFERE 2

**media**

*the media* ▶ NEWS 6;

NEWSPAPERS 1

*the media/the mass media*

▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 6

**mediate between** ▶ PEACE 3

**medical**

*law school/medical school/business*

*school* ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 5

*the medical profession* ▶ DOCTOR 1

**medical center** ▶ HOSPITAL 1

**medicine** ▶ MEDICAL TREATMENT 1

**medieval** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 7

**mediocre** ▶ BAD 3

**medium** ▶ WAY 3

**medium term**

*in the long/short/medium term*

▶ FUTURE 1

**meet** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 2; KNOW/NOT KNOW 23; MEET 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

*join/meet* ▶ JOIN 4

*make ends meet* ▶ SURVIVE 4

*nice to meet you/nice meeting you*

▶ GOODBYE 1

*pleased/good/nice to meet you*

▶ HELLO 2

**meet a deadline** ▶ ON TIME 4

**meet demand** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 7

**meet requirements** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 7

**meet sb halfway** ▶ AGREE 5

**meet sb's needs** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 1

**meet the cost of** ▶ PAY 1

**meet up/get together** ▶ MEET 1

**meet with** ▶ HAPPEN 3; MEET 1; REACT 1

**meet your match** ▶ LOSE 3

**meet/satisfy a need** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 7

**meeting** ▶ MEET 6, 7

**meets the eye**

*there's more to sb/sth than meets the*

*eye* ▶ SEEM 4

**melancholy** ▶ SAD 8

**mellow** ▶ DRUNK 2; STRICT/NOT STRICT 7

**melodramatic**

*be melodramatic* ▶ EXAGGERATE 1

**melody** ▶ MUSIC 1

**melt** ▶ LIQUID 5

**melt away** ▶ CROWD 5

**melt down** ▶ LIQUID 5

**member** ▶ MEMBER 1

*be a member of/belong to*

▶ MEMBER 2

*become a member* ▶ JOIN 7

*family member/member of the family*

▶ FAMILY 3

*MP/member of parliament*

▶ POLITICS 2

**member of staff/staff member**

▶ WORK FOR SB 3

**membership** ▶ MEMBER 1, 3

**memo** ▶ LETTER 1; MESSAGE 1

**memoirs** ▶ BOOKS 4; STORY 6

**memorable** ▶ REMEMBER 5

**memorial** ▶ REMEMBER 9

**memories**

*bring back memories/take sb back*

▶ REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 3

**memorize** ▶ LEARN 2; REMEMBER 7

**memory** ▶ REMEMBER 1, 8

*commit sth to memory* ▶ LEARN 2

*have a bad/terrible/awful etc memory*

▶ FORGET 5

*have a memory like a sieve*

▶ FORGET 5

*in living memory* ▶ LONG 6

*in memory of sb/in sb's memory*

▶ REMEMBER 9

*jog sb's memory* ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB

REMEMBER 2

*refresh sb's memory* ▶ REMIND/MAKE

SB REMEMBER 2

**memory loss** ▶ FORGET 6

**menace** ▶ THREATEN 5

*be a menace* ▶ DANGEROUS 2

**menacing** ▶ THREATEN 3

**mend** ▶ REPAIR 1

*be on the mend* ▶ RECOVER 1

**mend your ways** ▶ BEHAVE 4

**mental** ▶ MENTALLY ILL 1; MIND 2

**mental hospital** ▶ HOSPITAL 2

**mental illness** ▶ MENTALLY ILL 2

**mental institution** ▶ HOSPITAL 2

**mental note**

*make a mental note* ▶ REMEMBER 7

**mentality** ▶ THINK 9

**mentally ill** ▶ MENTALLY ILL 1

**mention** ▶ MENTION 1, 3; SAY 1

*don't mention it* ▶ THANK 5

*not mention* ▶ TALK 16

*not to mention* ▶ AND/ALSO 2

**merchandise** ▶ SELL 7

**merchant** ▶ SELL 4, 5

**mercy**

*be at sb's mercy* ▶ CONTROL/NOT

CONTROL 8

**mercy killing** ▶ KILL 8

**mere** ▶ ONLY 4

*a mere* ▶ ONLY 2

**merely** ▶ ONLY 3, 4

**merge** ▶ JOIN 4; MIX 5; UNITE 1, 4

**merit** ▶ ADVANTAGE 1

*deserve/merit* ▶ DESERVE 4

**merry** ▶ DRUNK 2

**mesmerized** ▶ INTERESTED 2

**mesmerizing/enthraling**

▶ INTERESTING 2

**mess** ▶ UNTIDY 4

*be a mess* ▶ UNTIDY 1, 2

*be a mess/be a shambles*

▶ ORGANIZE 3

*be in a mess/be a mess* ▶ PROBLEM 7

*make a mess* ▶ UNTIDY 3

*make a mess of* ▶ DO/NOT DO 12

**mess around** ▶ BEHAVE 3

**mess up** ▶ DO/NOT DO 12; SPOIL 2; UNTIDY 3

**message** ▶ MESSAGE 1

*can/may I take a message?*

▶ TELEPHONE 9

*email/email message* ▶ MESSAGE 1

*get the message* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT

UNDERSTAND 1

*leave a message* ▶ TELEPHONE 9

**messenger** ▶ MESSAGE 2

*shoot the messenger* ▶ BLAME 1

**messy** ▶ UNTIDY 1

**met**

*have met/met* ▶ KNOW/NOT

KNOW 24

**metallic** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 5

**meteoric** ▶ FAST 3

**meteorological** ▶ WEATHER 2

**meter** ▶ MEASURE 1

**method** ▶ WAY 1

**methodical** ▶ CAREFUL 4

**methods**

*strongarm tactics/methods* ▶ FORCE

SB TO DO STH 2

**meticulous** ▶ CAREFUL 4

**metropolis** ▶ TOWN 5

**metropolitan** ▶ TOWN 6

**mickey**

*take the mickey* ▶ MAKE FUN OF 1

**microscopic** ▶ SMALL 2

**mid-** ▶ MIDDLE 2

**midday meal** ▶ MEAL 3

**middle** ▶ MIDDLE 1, 2

*in the middle* ▶ BETWEEN 1;

MIDDLE 2

*in the middle of nowhere/miles from*

*anywhere/in the back of beyond*

▶ FAR 3

*smack in the middle of sth/smack in*

*front of sth* ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 4

**middle ground** ▶ MODERATE 1

**middle name** ▶ NAME 1

**middle of the night**

*the middle of the night* ▶ LATE 7

**middle school** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 4

**middle-age spread** ▶ FAT 5

**middle-aged** ▶ OLD 1

**middle-class** ▶ CLASS 6

**middle-of-the-road** ▶ MODERATE 1

**midpoint** ▶ MIDDLE 2

**midterm**

*final/midterm* ▶ TEST 1

**midway** ▶ MIDDLE 2

**might**

*may/might/could* ▶ MAYBE 1

**might well**

*may/could/might well*

▶ PROBABLY 1

**migrant** ▶ TRAVEL 12

**migrate** ▶ LEAVE 17

**mild** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 9; TASTE 8; WEATHER 7

**mile**

*it sticks/stands out a mile*

▶ OBVIOUS 2

**miles** ▶ FAR 1

*be miles away* ▶ ATTENTION 4

*for days/hours/miles etc on end*

▶ CONTINUE 5

*in the middle of nowhere/miles from*

*anywhere/in the back of beyond*

▶ FAR 3

**miles per hour/metres per second etc** ▶ SPEED 1

**milestone** ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 4

**militant** ▶ EXTREME 2

**militarist** ▶ WAR 7

**military** ▶ ARMY 3

*the military* ▶ ARMY 1

**military service** ▶ ARMY 5



**military takeover** ▶ REBELLION/REVOLUTION 2  
**mill around/about** ▶ CROWD 3  
**million**  
    *never/not in a million years*  
    ▶ NEVER 1  
**millionaire** ▶ RICH 4  
**millions**  
    *be worth a fortune/be worth millions*  
    ▶ RICH 2  
**mimic** ▶ COPY 10  
**mince** ▶ CUT 2  
**mince words**  
    *not mince (your) words* ▶ HONEST 4  
**mind** ▶ LOOK AFTER 1; MIND 1; WARN 2  
    *be a weight off sb's mind*  
    ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 9  
    *be fresh in your mind* ▶ REMEMBER 4  
    *be in the mind/be in your mind*  
    ▶ IMAGINE 3  
    *be insane/be out of your mind*  
    ▶ CRAZY 1  
    *bear/keep in mind* ▶ REMEMBER 7  
    *bring/call to mind* ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 3  
    *can't decide/can't make up your mind*  
    ▶ DECIDE 7  
    *can't get sb/sth out of your mind*  
    ▶ OBSESSION 2  
    *cast your mind back* ▶ REMEMBER 2  
    *change your mind* ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 24, 25  
    *come to mind/spring to mind*  
    ▶ THINK 7  
    *cross sb's mind* ▶ THINK 7  
    *do you mind if/would you mind if/is it all right if* ▶ LET/ALLOW 2  
    *don't mind* ▶ DON'T CARE 2  
    *enter sb's mind* ▶ THINK 7  
    *go out of your mind/lose your mind*  
    ▶ CRAZY 3  
    *have a good mind* ▶ INTELLIGENT 1  
    *have a lot on your mind* ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 4  
    *have a mind of your own*  
    ▶ INDEPENDENT 5  
    *have a one-track mind*  
    ▶ OBSESSION 2  
    *have not decided/have not made up your mind* ▶ DECIDE 6  
    *have sth on your mind* ▶ THINK 2  
    *keep your mind on* ▶ ATTENTION 1  
    *know your own mind*  
    ▶ INDEPENDENT 5  
    *make up your mind* ▶ DECIDE 1  
    *never mind* ▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 2; NO MATTER WHAT/HOW MUCH ETC 1  
    *not mind doing sth* ▶ WILLING 1  
    *of sound mind* ▶ MENTALLY ILL 4  
    *presence of mind* ▶ CALM 1  
    *prey on your mind* ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 2  
    *put sth out of your mind* ▶ FORGET 4  
    *set your mind on* ▶ DETERMINED 1  
    *set/put sb's mind at rest* ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 10  
    *slip your mind* ▶ FORGET 1  
    *speak your mind* ▶ HONEST 4; SAY 4  
    *stick in your mind* ▶ REMEMBER 4  
    *take/keep your mind off* ▶ FORGET 4  
    *turn sth over in your mind*  
    ▶ THINK 2  
    *would you mind repeating that?*  
    ▶ REPEAT 6  
    *would/do you mind?* ▶ ASK 10

*wouldn't mind* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 1  
    *your mind goes blank* ▶ FORGET 2  
    *your mind wanders* ▶ ATTENTION 4  
**mind out** ▶ CAREFUL 3  
**mind your own business**  
    ▶ PRIVATE 6; INTERFERE 3  
**mind-boggling** ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 5  
**minder** ▶ PROTECT 3  
**minds**  
    *be in two minds* ▶ DECIDE 7  
    *win hearts and minds* ▶ PERSUADE 4  
**mindset** ▶ THINK 9  
**mine** ▶ DIG 2  
    *be a mine of information* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 5  
    *be mine/yours/John's etc* ▶ OWN 2  
    *your guess is as good as mine*  
    ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 18  
**minefield** ▶ PROBLEM 5  
**mingle** ▶ MIX 2, 5  
**mingled** ▶ MIX 7  
**miniature** ▶ SMALL 2  
**minimal** ▶ LITTLE 7  
**minimum** ▶ LEAST 2; LIMIT 2  
**minister**  
    *prime minister* ▶ LEADER 1  
**minor** ▶ SMALL 4; UNIMPORTANT 1; YOUNG 4  
    *be of secondary/minor/less etc importance* ▶ UNIMPORTANT 3  
**minor in** ▶ STUDY 1  
**minority**  
    *a minority* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 1  
    *be in the/a minority* ▶ LESS 1  
**mint**  
    *in perfect/mint condition*  
    ▶ CONDITION 2  
**minus** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 5; LESS 2; NONE/NOTHING 3  
**minuscule** ▶ SMALL 2  
**minuses**  
    *the pluses and minuses*  
    ▶ ADVANTAGE 3  
**minute** ▶ SMALL 2, 3, 4  
    *a minute/a moment* ▶ SHORT 9; TIME 9  
    *a minute/second ago* ▶ JUST 1  
    *any minute/moment/time now*  
    ▶ SOON 2  
    *at any moment/minute* ▶ SOON 2  
    *at the last minute* ▶ ON TIME 3  
    *in a minute/in a moment* ▶ SOON 2  
    *just a minute/second* ▶ WAIT 2  
    *this minute/right now*  
    ▶ IMMEDIATELY 1  
    *when you have a moment/minute*  
    ▶ TIME 19  
**minutiae**  
    *the minutiae* ▶ DETAIL 2  
**miracle drug/cure** ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 2  
**miraculous** ▶ LUCKY 2  
**mirage** ▶ SEE 7  
**mirror** ▶ REFLECT 4  
**misappropriate** ▶ STEAL 4  
**misbehave** ▶ BEHAVE 3  
**miscalculate** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 8  
**miscalculation** ▶ MISTAKE 3  
**miscarriage**  
    *have a miscarriage* ▶ BABY 10  
**miscarriage of justice** ▶ UNFAIR 5  
**miscellaneous** ▶ VARIOUS/OFF DIFFERENT KINDS 4

**mischievous** ▶ BAD 7  
**misconception** ▶ BELIEVE 9  
**misconduct** ▶ BAD 10  
**miscount** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 8  
**misdemeanor** ▶ CRIME 1  
**miser** ▶ GENEROUS/NOT GENEROUS 3; SPEND MONEY/TIME 8  
**miserable** ▶ SAD 1, 4  
**misery** ▶ ANGRY 11; SAD 8  
    *put sb out of their misery*  
    ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 10  
**misery/misery guts** ▶ COMPLAIN 3  
**misfit** ▶ UNSUITABLE 2  
**misfortune** ▶ UNLUCKY 5  
    *have the misfortune to do sth/have the misfortune of doing sth*  
    ▶ UNLUCKY 1  
**misgivings**  
    *have misgivings* ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 4  
**misguided** ▶ WRONG 2  
**mishap** ▶ ACCIDENT 1  
**misinformation** ▶ LIE 4  
**misinformed**  
    *be misinformed* ▶ WRONG 3  
**misinterpret** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 9  
**misjudge** ▶ MISTAKE 5  
**mislay** ▶ LOSE 1  
**mislead** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 1  
**misleading** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 7; UNTRUE 1; WRONG 1  
**mismanage** ▶ DO/NOT DO 12  
**misnomer** ▶ NAME 10  
**misogynist** ▶ PREJUDICED 3  
**misplaced** ▶ WRONG 2  
**misprint** ▶ MISTAKE 2  
**misread** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 9  
**misrepresent** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 10  
**Miss** ▶ WOMAN 3  
**miss** ▶ ALONE 5; LATE 6; NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 2  
    *give sth a miss* ▶ DO/NOT DO 15  
    *near miss* ▶ JUST 4  
    *not miss much* ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 3  
    *you can't miss it* ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 4; OBVIOUS 2  
**miss a chance/an opportunity**  
    ▶ CHANCE 6  
**miss out** ▶ GET 12; INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 6  
**miss out on** ▶ CHANCE 6  
**miss the boat** ▶ CHANCE 6  
**miss the point** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 9  
**misshapen** ▶ SHAPE 3  
**missing** ▶ HERE/NOT HERE 3; LOSE 2; THERE/NOT THERE 5  
    *be missing* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 5  
    *go missing* ▶ DISAPPEAR 1  
**mission** ▶ REPRESENT 3; WORK 11  
**mist** ▶ WEATHER 11  
    *be shrouded in mist/smoke etc*  
    ▶ COVER 3  
**mistake** ▶ MISTAKE 1, 2, 3  
    *by mistake* ▶ ACCIDENTALLY 1  
    *make a mistake* ▶ MISTAKE 5  
**mistaken** ▶ WRONG 2  
    *be mistaken* ▶ WRONG 3  
    *could pass for/could be mistaken for*  
    ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 4



**mistaken belief** ▶ BELIEVE 9  
**mistakenly** ▶ ACCIDENTALLY 1  
**mistaking**  
*there's no mistaking sb/sth*  
 ▶ RECOGNIZE 2  
**mister** ▶ MAN 4  
**mistreat/ill-treat** ▶ CRUEL 5  
**mistreatment/ill-treatment/maltreatment** ▶ CRUEL 4  
**mistress** ▶ GIRLFRIEND/BOYFRIEND 1  
**mistrust**  
*distrust/mistrust* ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 6, 7  
**mistrustful**  
*distrustful/mistrustful* ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 8  
**misunderstand** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 9  
**misunderstanding** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 9  
**misuse** ▶ USE 12  
**mix** ▶ COOK 1; MIX 1, 2, 6  
*a mix of sth* ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 1  
*do not mix* ▶ MIX 8  
**mix up** ▶ CONFUSED 5  
**mix-up** ▶ MISTAKE 1  
**mixed** ▶ MIX 7; SEX 2; VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 3  
*have mixed feelings* ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 4  
**mixed bag** ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 4  
**mixed marriage** ▶ RACE 2  
**mixed up** ▶ MIX 4; ORDER 3  
**mixed-up** ▶ CONFUSED 1  
**mixture** ▶ MIX 3, 6  
*a mixture of sth* ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 1  
*be a mixture of sth and sth* ▶ MIX 5  
**moan** ▶ COMPLAIN 2  
**mob** ▶ CROWD 1  
**mobile** ▶ EXPRESSION ON SB'S FACE 2; MOVE/NOT MOVE 3  
*upwardly mobile* ▶ CLASS 8  
**mobility** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 3  
**mobilize** ▶ PREPARE 1  
**mock** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 1; PRETEND 5  
**mockery**  
*make a mockery of* ▶ SHOW 11  
**model** ▶ COPY 4; PERFECT 1; TYPE 3  
*role model* ▶ COPY 9  
**model yourself on** ▶ COPY 7  
**moderate** ▶ MODERATE 1, 2; REDUCE 5; TOO/TOO MUCH 5  
**moderately** ▶ FAIRLY/QUITE 1  
**moderation**  
*in moderation* ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 5  
**modern** ▶ MODERN 1, 2, 3; NOW 4  
**modern-day/present-day** ▶ NOW 4  
**modernize** ▶ MODERN 4  
**modest** ▶ MODEST 1  
**modesty** ▶ MODEST 3  
**modification** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 18  
**modify** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 7  
**moist** ▶ WET 2  
**moisten** ▶ WET 5  
**moisture** ▶ WATER 1  
**mole** ▶ SPY 2  
**molehill**  
*make a mountain out of a molehill*  
 ▶ IMPORTANT 7

**molest** ▶ SEX 15  
**molten** ▶ HOT 1; LIQUID 5  
**moment**  
*a minute/a moment* ▶ SHORT 9; TIME 9  
*an inopportune moment/time*  
 ▶ TIME 15  
*an opportune moment/time*  
 ▶ TIME 14  
*any minute/moment/time now*  
 ▶ SOON 2  
*as soon as/the moment (that)*  
 ▶ IMMEDIATELY 2  
*at any moment/minute* ▶ SOON 2  
*at that moment* ▶ THEN 2  
*at the moment/presently* ▶ NOW 1  
*for now/for the moment*  
 ▶ TEMPORARY 2  
*for the moment* ▶ NOW 5  
*in a minute/in a moment* ▶ SOON 2  
*in the heat of the moment* ▶ THINK 6  
*never for a moment/not for a moment*  
 ▶ NEVER 1  
*not a moment too soon* ▶ ON TIME 3  
*on the spur of the moment*  
 ▶ SUDDENLY 1  
*there's never a dull moment*  
 ▶ INTERESTING 3  
*when you have a moment/minute*  
 ▶ TIME 19  
**moment/point** ▶ TIME 3  
**momentarily** ▶ SOON 2  
**momentous** ▶ IMPORTANT 1  
**momentum** ▶ SPEED 1  
*gain/gather momentum* ▶ FAST 5  
**monarchy** ▶ GOVERNMENT 5  
**monetary** ▶ MONEY 14  
**money** ▶ MONEY 1, 2, 3, 6  
*a lot of money* ▶ MONEY 5  
*be in the money* ▶ RICH 3  
*big money* ▶ MONEY 5  
*cost a lot (of money)* ▶ EXPENSIVE 1  
*earn/make good money* ▶ EARN 4  
*for very little money* ▶ CHEAP 5  
*give sb their money back/give sb a refund* ▶ PAY 6  
*have money to burn* ▶ RICH 2  
*have the time/money/help etc*  
 ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 3  
*I'd put money on it* ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 1  
*I'm not made of money* ▶ RICH 6  
*lose money on* ▶ GAMBLING 1  
*marry into money* ▶ RICH 5  
*pay good money for* ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 1  
*play for money* ▶ GAMBLING 1  
*pocket money* ▶ MONEY 7  
*pour money into* ▶ PAY 11  
*put money into* ▶ MONEY 15; PAY 11  
*spend money like water/like there's no tomorrow* ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 3  
*throw money at* ▶ PAY 11  
*value for money* ▶ CHEAP 3  
*win money on* ▶ GAMBLING 1  
**money doesn't grow on trees**  
 ▶ RICH 6  
**money down the drain** ▶ WASTE 1  
**money is no object** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 2  
**money-spinner** ▶ PROFIT 5  
**moneybags** ▶ RICH 4  
**monitor** ▶ LISTEN 2; WATCH 4  
**monochrome** ▶ COLOUR 7  
**monopolize** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 6

**monopoly** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 6  
**monotonous** ▶ BORING/BORED 1  
**monotony** ▶ BORING/BORED 6  
*relieve the boredom/monotony*  
 ▶ BORING/BORED 7  
**Monsoon**  
*the rainy season/the Monsoon*  
 ▶ WEATHER 9  
**monster** ▶ BAD 6  
**monstrosity** ▶ UGLY 3  
**monthly**  
*hourly/daily/weekly/monthly etc*  
 ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 1  
**months**  
*hours/months/years etc* ▶ LONG 6  
**mooch off** ▶ ASK 14  
**mood** ▶ FEEL 8  
*be in a bad mood* ▶ ANGRY 3  
*be in a good mood* ▶ HAPPY 1  
*put sb in a good mood* ▶ HAPPY 5  
**moods**  
*be in one of his/her moods* ▶ ANGRY 3  
**moody** ▶ ANGRY 11  
**moon**  
*be over the moon* ▶ HAPPY 3  
*once in a blue moon* ▶ RARE/RARELY 3  
**moonlight** ▶ JOB 10; LIGHT 1  
**moot point** ▶ UNCERTAIN 4  
**mooted**  
*be mooted* ▶ SUGGEST 2  
**mop** ▶ WASH 3  
**mope** ▶ SAD 6  
**moral** ▶ GOOD 13  
*give sb moral support* ▶ HELP 2  
**morale** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 3  
*boost morale/raise morale*  
 ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 4  
**moralistic** ▶ GOOD 15  
**morality** ▶ GOOD 12  
**morally** ▶ GOOD 13  
**morals** ▶ GOOD 12  
**more** ▶ MORE 1, 2, 4, 5, 6  
*be more than* ▶ MORE 3  
*no more than* ▶ ONLY 2  
*no more/not any more* ▶ FINISH 13  
*not any more* ▶ NOW 6  
*not have any more/not have any left*  
 ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 6  
*nothing but/no more than* ▶ ONLY 4  
*once again/once more* ▶ AGAIN 1  
*one more* ▶ ANOTHER 1  
*one more time/once more* ▶ AGAIN 1  
*or more* ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 2  
*that's more like it* ▶ BETTER 4  
*there's more to sb/sth than meets the eye* ▶ SEEM 4  
*very likely/more than likely*  
 ▶ PROBABLY 2  
*what's more* ▶ AND/ALSO 2  
**more or less** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 4; ALMOST 2, 3, 4  
**more than anyone** ▶ ESPECIALLY 1  
**more than enough** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 4; LOT 4  
**more than you (had) bargained for**  
 ▶ EXPECT 8  
**more to come**  
*be still/yet/more etc to come*  
 ▶ FUTURE 1  
**more's the pity**  
 ▶ UNFORTUNATELY 1



**moreover**

*furthermore/moreover* ▶ AND/  
ALSO 2

**morning**

*good morning/afternoon/evening*  
▶ HELLO 1

**morning sickness** ▶ SICK/VOMIT 3**morning,**

*morning, noon, and night*  
▶ ALWAYS 2

**morning/afternoon/evening**

▶ HELLO 1

**moron** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 6**morose** ▶ SAD 2**morsel** ▶ PIECE 5**mortal** ▶ KILL 10**mortgage** ▶ BORROW 4**mortified** ▶ EMBARRASSED/  
EMBARRASSING 1**most** ▶ MOST 1, 2

*for the most part* ▶ IN GENERAL 1

*in general/generally/in most cases*  
▶ IN GENERAL 1

*in most cases* ▶ MOST 6

*much/most talked about*  
▶ FAMOUS 2

*the most* ▶ LIMIT 1; MOST 2, 3

**most of all** ▶ ESPECIALLY 1**most of the time** ▶ IN GENERAL 1;  
MOST 6**mostly** ▶ IN GENERAL 1**mostly/mainly** ▶ MOST 5, 6**mother** ▶ MOTHER 1

*become a mother* ▶ BABY 5

*expectant mother* ▶ BABY 7

**mother tongue**

*sb's mother tongue* ▶ LANGUAGE 3

**mother-in-law/son-in-law etc**

▶ FAMILY 5

**mother-to-be** ▶ BABY 7**motherhood** ▶ MOTHER 3**motherly** ▶ MOTHER 5**motif** ▶ PATTERN 1**motion** ▶ SIGN 4

*be in motion* ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 2

*set in motion* ▶ START 13

**motionless** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 11**motivate** ▶ CAUSE 2; ENTHUSIASTIC/  
UNENTHUSIASTIC 4; REASON 4**motivation** ▶ REASON 1**motive** ▶ REASON 1**motives**

*have ulterior motives* ▶ REASON 7

**motley** ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT  
KINDS 4**motor** ▶ MACHINE 2**motorcyclist** ▶ DRIVE 4**motorist** ▶ DRIVE 4**motorway** ▶ ROAD/PATH 3**motto** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 3**mould** ▶ MAKE 4

*break the mould* ▶ FIRST 5

**mouldy** ▶ DECAY 2

*go mouldy* ▶ DECAY 1

**mound** ▶ GROUP 12**mount** ▶ GET ON OR OFF

A BUS, PLANE ETC 1; INCREASE 13  
*launch an attack/mount an attack*  
▶ ATTACK 3

**mount up** ▶ INCREASE 5**mountain**

*a mountain of* ▶ LOT 1

*make a mountain out of a molehill*  
▶ IMPORTANT 7

**mountaineer** ▶ CLIMB 2**mountaineering** ▶ CLIMB 3**mountainous** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 8**mounting** ▶ INCREASE 2, 15**mourn** ▶ SAD 7**mournful** ▶ SAD 1**mourning** ▶ SAD 7

*be in mourning* ▶ SAD 7

**mouth**

*by word of mouth* ▶ SPEAK 6

*make your mouth water*

▶ DELICIOUS 3

*put words into sb's mouth* ▶ CHANGE/  
NOT CHANGE 10

*sb will be laughing on the other side of  
their face/mouth* ▶ REGRET/NOT  
REGRET 4

**mouth-watering** ▶ DELICIOUS 3**mouthpiece** ▶ REPRESENT 2**move** ▶ CHANGE/NOT

CHANGE 12, 20, 21; DO/NOT DO 9, 10;

LEAVE 15; MOVE/NOT

MOVE 1, 6, 7, 8, 9; PROGRESS/MAKE  
PROGRESS 1

*be a bad move* ▶ MISTAKE 3

*be on the move* ▶ TRAVEL 1

*can't move* ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 10

*don't move* ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 12

*get a move on* ▶ HURRY 2

*make a move* ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 1

*make the first move* ▶ START 3

*not move a muscle* ▶ MOVE/NOT  
MOVE 11

**move back**

*be pushed/moved/put back* ▶ LATER 2

**move house** ▶ LEAVE 15**move out** ▶ LEAVE 14**move over** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 1**move up** ▶ FORWARD 2; UP 10**move/change with the times**

▶ MODERN 3

**move/go up in the world** ▶ CLASS 8**move/go/climb up the ladder**

▶ JOB 8

**movement** ▶ CHANGE/NOT

CHANGE 21; GROUP 3; MOVE/NOT  
MOVE 1

*peace movement* ▶ PEACE 4

**movie**

*action film/action movie* ▶ FILM/  
MOVIE 2

*cartoon/animated film/animated  
movie* ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2

*horror film/horror movie* ▶ FILM/  
MOVIE 2

*road movie* ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2

*science fiction film/science fiction  
movie* ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2

*slasher film/slasher movie* ▶ FILM/  
MOVIE 2

*war film/war movie* ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2

**moving** ▶ FEEL 10; MOVE/NOT  
MOVE 2

*be really moving* ▶ FAST 4

*get things moving* ▶ START 13

**mow** ▶ CUT 6**MP/member of parliament**

▶ POLITICS 2

**Mr** ▶ MAN 4**Mrs** ▶ WOMAN 3**Ms** ▶ WOMAN 3**much** ▶ LOT 1, 10, 14

*be much of a muchness* ▶ LIKE/  
SIMILAR 9

*be too much for sb* ▶ DIFFICULT 10

*don't think much of sth/sb*

▶ DISLIKE 1

*how much* ▶ AMOUNT 1; COST 2

*just about/more or less/pretty much*

▶ ALMOST 2, 3, 4

*make too much of* ▶ EXAGGERATE 1;  
IMPORTANT 7

*not as much* ▶ LESS 4

*not as much/not so much* ▶ LESS 1

*not much* ▶ LITTLE 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9

*not much to look at* ▶ UGLY 2

*not say much for* ▶ SHOW 11

*not too/very much* ▶ TOO/TOO

MUCH 5

*so much* ▶ LOT 14

*there is little to choose between/there is  
not much to choose between* ▶ LIKE/  
SIMILAR 9

*too much* ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 2

*too much of a good thing* ▶ TOO/TOO  
MUCH 2

*very much* ▶ LOT 14

**much the same** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 1**much-praised** ▶ PRAISE 3**much/most talked about**

▶ FAMOUS 2

**muchness**

*be much of a muchness* ▶ LIKE/  
SIMILAR 9

**muck** ▶ DIRTY 6**mucky** ▶ DIRTY 1**mud** ▶ DIRTY 6

*stick in the mud* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 29

**muddle**

*be in a muddle* ▶ CONFUSED 1

**muddled/garbled** ▶ CLEAR/NOT  
CLEAR 3**muddy** ▶ DIRTY 1**muffle** ▶ QUIET 6**muffled** ▶ QUIET 3**mug** ▶ ATTACK 1; STEAL 3; TRICK/  
DECEIVE 4**mug shot** ▶ PICTURE 3**mugger** ▶ STEAL 5**mugging** ▶ ATTACK 5; STEAL 7**muggy** ▶ WET 3**muggy/humid** ▶ HOT 3**mull over** ▶ THINK 1**multi** ▶ LOT 2**multi-millionaire** ▶ RICH 4**multi-purpose** ▶ USE 10**multicoloured** ▶ COLOUR 3**multicultural**

*multiracial/multicultural* ▶ RACE 2

**multicultural/multiracial**

▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 3

**multilateral** ▶ COUNTRY 12**multilingual** ▶ SPEAK 3**multimedia** ▶ COMPUTERS/  
INTERNET/EMAIL 2**multinational** ▶ COMPANY 2;  
COUNTRY 12**multiple** ▶ LOT 2**multiply** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 6;  
INCREASE 3**multiracial**

*multicultural/multiracial*

▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 3

**multiracial/multicultural** ▶ RACE 2**Mum** ▶ MOTHER 2**mum** ▶ MOTHER 1**mumble** ▶ SAY 8; SPEAK 2**Mummy** ▶ MOTHER 2



**munch** ▶ EAT 5  
**munchies**  
*have/get the munchies* ▶ HUNGRY/  
 NOT HUNGRY 1  
**mundane** ▶ BORING/BORED 1  
**municipal** ▶ TOWN 6  
**murder** ▶ KILL 1, 2  
*be murder* ▶ DIFFICULT 3  
*mass murder* ▶ KILL 4  
**murderer** ▶ KILL 6  
**murmur** ▶ SAY 8; SOUND 10  
**muscle** ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 1  
*not move a muscle* ▶ MOVE/NOT  
 MOVE 11  
**muscle in on** ▶ TAKE PART/BE  
 INVOLVED 2  
**muscular** ▶ STRONG 1  
**museum** ▶ ART/CULTURE 8  
**music** ▶ MUSIC 1  
*face the music* ▶ PUNISH 6  
*piece/piece of music* ▶ MUSIC 2  
*set/put sth to music* ▶ MUSIC 5  
**musical** ▶ MUSIC 1  
**musician** ▶ MUSIC 4  
*street musician* ▶ MUSIC 4  
**must** ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 1  
*be a must* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 3  
**must do sth/have to do sth**  
 ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 1, 2, 3  
**must not/mustn't** ▶ MUST/DON'T  
 HAVE TO 6  
**mustn't**  
*must not/mustn't* ▶ MUST/DON'T  
 HAVE TO 6  
**musty** ▶ SMELL 5  
**mute** ▶ SPEAK 8  
**muted** ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/  
 UNENTHUSIASTIC 5  
**mutiny** ▶ REBELLION/  
 REVOLUTION 1, 3  
**mutter** ▶ SAY 8  
**mutton dressed as lamb**  
 ▶ YOUNG 8  
**mutual** ▶ BOTH 1; EACH OTHER 1  
**muzzle** ▶ STOP 27  
**my**  
*my/your/his etc* ▶ OWN 2  
**myself**  
*yourself/myself etc* ▶ PERSONALLY/  
 YOURSELF 1  
**mysterious** ▶ MYSTERIOUS 1, 4;  
 STRANGE 1  
**mysteriously** ▶ MYSTERIOUS 2  
**mystery** ▶ MYSTERIOUS 3  
*be a mystery* ▶ MYSTERIOUS 1, 4  
*be a mystery to me/be beyond me/beats  
 me* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
 UNDERSTAND 10  
*be shrouded/veiled in mystery*  
 ▶ MYSTERIOUS 1  
**mystified** ▶ CONFUSED 2  
**mystify** ▶ SOLVE 6  
**myth** ▶ BELIEVE 9; STORY 1

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**naff** ▶ TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC  
 ETC 6  
**nag** ▶ ASK 12; COMPLAIN 2  
**nagging** ▶ CONTINUE 7  
**nail** ▶ ATTACH 1; CATCH 2  
*hit the nail on the head/put your finger  
 on it* ▶ RIGHT 2

**nailbiting** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 4;  
 NERVOUS 5  
**naïve** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT  
 EXPERIENCED 6; PERSUADE 10;  
 TRUST/NOT TRUST 4  
**naked** ▶ CLOTHES 12  
**name** ▶ CHOOSE 4; NAME 1, 4, 6, 7;  
 REPUTATION 1  
*big name* ▶ FAMOUS 5  
*brand name* ▶ NAME 4  
*Christian name* ▶ NAME 1  
*code name* ▶ NAME 4  
*false name* ▶ NAME 3  
*family name* ▶ NAME 1  
*first name* ▶ NAME 1  
*give sb/sth a bad name*  
 ▶ REPUTATION 3  
*go by the name of* ▶ NAME 3, 5  
*household name* ▶ FAMOUS 5  
*in name only* ▶ NAME 10  
*last name/surname* ▶ NAME 1  
*maiden name* ▶ NAME 1  
*make your name/make a name for  
 yourself* ▶ FAMOUS 3  
*middle name* ▶ NAME 1  
*pen name* ▶ NAME 3  
*pet name* ▶ NAME 2  
*place name* ▶ NAME 4  
*put sb's name down/put sb down*  
 ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 4  
*put sb's name forward* ▶ SUGGEST 3  
*sb's name is on everyone's lips*  
 ▶ FAMOUS 2  
*sb's name is sth* ▶ NAME 5  
*stage name* ▶ NAME 3  
*to name but a few* ▶ EXAMPLE 3  
*under an assumed name* ▶ NAME 3  
*under the name of sth* ▶ NAME 3  
*what's its name/whatchamacallit*  
 ▶ THING 3  
*you name it* ▶ ANYTHING/ANYBODY 1  
**name names** ▶ TELL 9  
**name-drop** ▶ BOAST 1  
**name-dropper** ▶ BOAST 2  
**named**  
*be named* ▶ NAME 5  
**namedropping** ▶ MENTION 1  
**nameless** ▶ NAME 9  
**names**  
*call sb names* ▶ INSULT 1  
**nanny** ▶ LOOK AFTER 4  
**nap**  
*have a nap* ▶ SLEEP 2  
**napping**  
*be caught napping* ▶ READY/NOT  
 READY 6  
**narcotics** ▶ DRUG 2  
**nark** ▶ TELL 9, 10  
**narrate** ▶ TELL 5  
**narrator** ▶ TELL 5  
**narrow** ▶ NARROW 1  
*win by a narrow margin* ▶ WIN 5  
**narrower**  
*get narrower* ▶ NARROW 2  
**narrowly** ▶ ALMOST 5; JUST 3, 4  
**nasty** ▶ HORRIBLE 1, 2, 3; UNKIND 1  
*cheap and nasty* ▶ CHEAP 2  
*turn cold/nasty/violent etc*  
 ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 1  
**nasty piece of work** ▶ HORRIBLE 1  
**nation** ▶ COUNTRY 1  
*developing country/nation* ▶ POOR 7  
*the nation/the country* ▶ COUNTRY 4  
**national** ▶ COUNTRY 5, 10, 11  
**nationalist** ▶ COUNTRY 9

**nationalistic** ▶ COUNTRY 8  
**nationality** ▶ COUNTRY 6  
**nationalize** ▶ PUBLIC 2  
**nationwide** ▶ EVERYWHERE 2  
**native**  
*a native of* ▶ COUNTRY 5  
*be a native of* ▶ COME FROM 1  
**native land** ▶ COUNTRY 7  
**native speaker** ▶ LANGUAGE 3  
**natter** ▶ TALK 4  
**natural** ▶ NATURAL 1, 2; NORMAL/  
 ORDINARY 4; REAL 1  
*a natural* ▶ GOOD AT 4  
**naturally**  
*come naturally* ▶ EASY 4  
**nature** ▶ CHARACTER 1, 5; TYPE 1  
*it's human nature (to do sth)*  
 ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 4  
**naturist**  
*nudist/naturist* ▶ CLOTHES 12  
**naughty** ▶ BAD 7; SEX 18  
**nausea** ▶ SICK/VOMIT 2  
**nauseam**  
*ad nauseam* ▶ OFTEN 2  
**nauseated** ▶ HORRIBLE 5  
**nauseous**  
*feel queasy/nauseous* ▶ SICK/VOMIT 2  
**naval** ▶ ARMY 3  
**navigate** ▶ WAY 10  
**navy** ▶ ARMY 1  
**near** ▶ NEAR 1, 8  
*around/near there* ▶ THERE/NOT  
 THERE 1  
*be a near thing/close thing*  
 ▶ ALMOST 5  
*be a near/close thing* ▶ JUST 3  
*come close to/come near to*  
 ▶ ALMOST 5  
*draw near* ▶ NEAR 8  
*get near/close* ▶ NEAR 8  
*in the near future/in the not too distant  
 future* ▶ SOON 1  
*not go near/not come near* ▶ NEAR 11  
*nowhere near* ▶ FAR 1  
**near miss** ▶ JUST 4  
**nearby** ▶ NEAR 1  
**nearest** ▶ NEAR 4  
**nearing**  
*approaching/nearing* ▶ ALMOST 1  
**nearing/approaching/close to**  
 ▶ ALMOST 4  
**nearly**  
*almost all/nearly all* ▶ MOST 1  
*almost/nearly*  
 ▶ ALMOST 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
**nearness/closeness** ▶ NEAR 5  
**neat** ▶ GOOD 1, 3; INTELLIGENT 8;  
 TIDY 1, 5; WELL-DRESSED 1  
**neat freak** ▶ TIDY 3  
**neat/straight** ▶ PURE 1  
**neat/tidy** ▶ TIDY 3  
**neatly dressed** ▶ TIDY 4  
**necessary** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 3  
*hardly necessary* ▶ NEED/  
 NECESSARY 9  
*make it necessary* ▶ NEED/  
 NECESSARY 4  
*unnecessary/not necessary* ▶ MUST/  
 DON'T HAVE TO 5; NEED/  
 NECESSARY 9  
**necessitate** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 4  
**necessity** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 5  
*be a necessity* ▶ NEED/  
 NECESSARY 3



**neck** ▶ KISS 2  
*be a pain in the neck* ▶ ANGRY 9;  
 DIFFICULT 1, 7  
*be breathing down sb's neck* ▶ FORCE  
 SB TO DO STH 1  
*be neck and neck* ▶ EQUAL/NOT  
 EQUAL 4  
*be up to your ears/neck in* ▶ BUSY/  
 NOT BUSY 1  
*be up to your neck/ears in debt*  
 ▶ OWE 2  
*risk your neck* ▶ DANGEROUS 4  
*stick your neck out* ▶ RISK 3

**need** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 1, 5, 6;  
 WANT/NOT WANT 2  
*be in need of* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 1  
*don't need* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 8  
*fill a need* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 7  
*have no need of* ▶ NEED/  
 NECESSARY 8  
*meet/satisfy a need* ▶ NEED/  
 NECESSARY 7  
*needy/in need* ▶ POOR 1  
*not need to do sth/needn't do sth*  
 ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 5  
*there is a need for* ▶ NEED/  
 NECESSARY 1  
*there is no need to do sth* ▶ MUST/  
 DON'T HAVE TO 5

**need to do sth** ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE  
 TO 1

**needless** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 9

**needn't**  
*not need to do sth/needn't do sth*  
 ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 5

**needs**  
*meet sb's needs* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT  
 ENOUGH 1  
*special needs* ▶ DISABLED 1

**needy**  
*poor people/the poor/the needy*  
 ▶ POOR 4

**needy/in need** ▶ POOR 1

**negate**  
*cancel out/negate* ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT  
 EFFECTIVE 5

**negative** ▶ CRITICIZE 6; HARM 3;  
 NONE/NOTHING 3; PROVE 2  
*answer/reply in the negative* ▶ NO 2  
*have a negative impact on* ▶ EFFECT/  
 AFFECT 2

**neglect** ▶ LOOK AFTER 6

**neglect to do sth** ▶ DO/NOT DO 13

**negligence** ▶ CARELESS 2

**negligible** ▶ LITTLE 4, 7

**negotiable** ▶ DISCUSS 4

**negotiate** ▶ DISCUSS 2

**negotiation**  
*be open to discussion/negotiation*  
 ▶ DISCUSS 4

**negotiations** ▶ DISCUSS 5

**neighbourhood** ▶ AREA 2

**neighbouring** ▶ NEAR 1

**neither** ▶ BOTH 1; NOT 1, 3; TWO 4

**neither ... nor** ▶ NOT 3

**neither here nor there**  
 ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 7

**neither one thing nor the other**  
 ▶ NOT 3

**nepotism** ▶ UNFAIR 4

**nerve** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 4  
*have the nerve* ▶ RUDE 5  
*have the nerve to do sth* ▶ BRAVE/NOT  
 BRAVE 5

*lose your nerve* ▶ BRAVE/NOT  
 BRAVE 7  
*not have the nerve* ▶ BRAVE/NOT  
 BRAVE 7

**nerve-wracking** ▶ NERVOUS 5

**nerves** ▶ NERVOUS 4  
*be a bundle of nerves* ▶ NERVOUS 2  
*get on sb's nerves* ▶ ANGRY 7  
*steady your nerves* ▶ CALM 3

**nervous** ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
 FRIGHTENING 7; NERVOUS 1, 3;  
 WORRIED/WORRYING 1  
*a nervous/jealous etc disposition*  
 ▶ CHARACTER 1  
*be a nervous wreck* ▶ NERVOUS 2  
*have a (nervous) breakdown*  
 ▶ MENTALLY ILL 3  
*make sb nervous* ▶ NERVOUS 6

**nest egg** ▶ SAVE 3

**Net**  
*(the) Internet/(the) Net*  
 ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 8  
*surf the Internet/Net/Web*  
 ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 9

**net** ▶ EARN 2

**net result/effect** ▶ RESULT 2

**netiquette** ▶ RULE/REGULATION 2

**network** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
 EMAIL 1; MEET 2; SYSTEM 1;  
 TELEVISION/RADIO 6

**neurotic** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 8

**neutral** ▶ FAIR 3

**neutralize** ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT  
 EFFECTIVE 5

**never** ▶ NEVER 1  
*better late than never* ▶ LATE 2  
*have never been known to do sth*  
 ▶ NEVER 1  
*I will never forget* ▶ REMEMBER 4  
*there's never a dull moment*  
 ▶ INTERESTING 3  
*you never know* ▶ MAYBE 1;  
 POSSIBLE 2

**never been done/attempted/tried  
 before** ▶ FIRST 5

**never ever/never, never** ▶ NEVER 1

**never fails/can't fail/works every  
 time** ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 3

**never for a moment/not for a  
 moment** ▶ NEVER 1

**never forgive** ▶ FORGIVE/NOT  
 FORGIVE 4

**never mind** ▶ FORGIVE/NOT  
 FORGIVE 2; NO MATTER WHAT/HOW  
 MUCH ETC 1

**never-ending** ▶ ALWAYS 6  
*endless/unending/never-ending*  
 ▶ CONTINUE 7

**never/not in a million years**  
 ▶ NEVER 1

**nevertheless**  
*however/nevertheless/nonetheless*  
 ▶ BUT 1

**new** ▶ DIFFERENT 5;  
 NEW 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9  
*as good as new* ▶ CONDITION 2  
*be new to sth* ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT  
 EXPERIENCED 3  
*brand new* ▶ NEW 2  
*break new ground* ▶ FIRST 5

**new arrival** ▶ NEW 7

**new blood** ▶ NEW 7

**new leaf**  
*turn over a new leaf* ▶ BEHAVE 4

**new man** ▶ MAN 1

**new start**  
*start afresh/make a fresh start/make a  
 new start* ▶ START 7

**newbie** ▶ NEW 7

**newborn** ▶ BABY 1, 2

**newcomer** ▶ NEW 7

**newfound** ▶ NEW 8

**newly** ▶ RECENTLY 1

**newly discovered** ▶ NEW 6

**newlyweds** ▶ MARRY 10

**news** ▶ NEWS 1, 2  
*be in the news* ▶ NEWS 5  
*break the news (to sb)/break it to sb*  
 ▶ TELL 1  
*make the news/make news* ▶ NEWS 5  
*the news* ▶ NEWS 2  
*update/news update* ▶ NEWS 2

**news bulletin** ▶ NEWS 2

**newsagent**  
*newsagent's/newsagent* ▶ SHOP/  
 STORE 2

**newsagent's/newsagent** ▶ SHOP/  
 STORE 2

**newsflash** ▶ NEWS 2

**newspaper/paper** ▶ NEWSPAPERS 1

**newsreader** ▶ NEWS 6; TELEVISION/  
 RADIO 8

**newsstand**  
*newstand/newsstand* ▶ SHOP/  
 STORE 2

**newstand/newsstand** ▶ SHOP/  
 STORE 2

**next** ▶ AFTER 1, 4, 8; THEN 1  
*be/come next* ▶ AFTER 9  
*the next* ▶ AFTER 6; NEAR 4; NEXT  
 TO 2

**next door** ▶ NEXT TO 1

**next in line** ▶ AFTER 6

**next of kin** ▶ FAMILY 3

**next to** ▶ NEXT TO 1  
*be next to* ▶ NEXT TO 3

**next to last/second to last** ▶ LAST 3

**next to nothing** ▶ LITTLE 4, 7

**nibble** ▶ EAT 7

**nice** ▶ FRIENDLY 1; GOOD 1, 6; KIND 1;  
 NICE 1, 2; WEATHER 4  
*have a nice day/good weekend/great  
 time etc* ▶ GOODBYE 1  
*not very nice* ▶ HORRIBLE 1, 2, 3  
*pleased/good/nice to meet you*  
 ▶ HELLO 2

**nice to meet you/nice meeting you**  
 ▶ GOODBYE 1

**nice-looking** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1, 2

**nick** ▶ CUT 3  
*in good nick* ▶ CONDITION 2  
*in the nick of time* ▶ ON TIME 3

**nick/pinch** ▶ STEAL 1

**nickname** ▶ CALL/DESCRIBE AS 3;  
 NAME 2

**niggling** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 5

**night**  
*all day/night/summer etc long*  
 ▶ ALWAYS 3  
*all day/night/year/week* ▶ TIME 10  
*by day/by night* ▶ DURING 1  
*day and night/night and day*  
 ▶ CONTINUE 6  
*goodnight/night* ▶ GOODBYE 2  
*last thing at night* ▶ LATE 7  
*restless night* ▶ SLEEP 6  
*sleepless night* ▶ SLEEP 6  
*stag night* ▶ MARRY 7



*the middle of the night* ▶ LATE 7

*things that go bump in the night*

▶ GHOST 1

**night night** ▶ GOODBYE 2

**night owl** ▶ SLEEP 13

**night's**

*have/get a good night's sleep*

▶ SLEEP 5

**nightmare** ▶ DREAM 1;

EXPERIENCE 2; HORRIBLE 2

*be a nightmare* ▶ BAD 4

**nil** ▶ NONE/NOTHING 2

*be nil* ▶ NONE/NOTHING 1

**nine times out of ten** ▶ USUALLY 1

**nip** ▶ BITE 2

**nip sth in the bud** ▶ STOP 17

**nip/pop out** ▶ LEAVE 5

**nippy** ▶ COLD 1

**nit-picking** ▶ CRITICIZE 4

**nitty-gritty**

*the nitty-gritty* ▶ DETAIL 2

**no** ▶ NO 1; NONE/NOTHING 1;

REFUSE 2

**no longer** ▶ NOW 6

**no matter** ▶ NO MATTER WHAT/HOW

MUCH ETC 1

**no one/nobody** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 7

**no problem** ▶ THANK 5

**no smoking/parking etc** ▶ FORBID 2

**no thanks/no thank you** ▶ NO 3

**no way** ▶ NO 1

**no-frills** ▶ SIMPLE 5

**no-nonsense** ▶ SENSIBLE 1

**no-smoking** ▶ SMOKING 4

**no-win situation** ▶ PROBLEM 4

**nobble**

*get at/get to/nobble* ▶ THREATEN 1

**nobody**

*a nobody* ▶ FAMOUS 6;

UNIMPORTANT 4

*no one/nobody* ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 7

*think of nobody but yourself/only*

*think about yourself* ▶ SELFISH/

NOT SELFISH 1

**nobody's fool**

*be nobody's fool* ▶ INTELLIGENT 5

**nod** ▶ SIGN 3

**nod off** ▶ SLEEP 3

**nod/nod your head** ▶ SIGN 4

**noise** ▶ LOUD 3; SOUND 1

*make a sound/make a noise*

▶ SOUND 3

**noisy** ▶ LOUD 1

**nomad** ▶ TRAVEL 12

**nominal** ▶ LITTLE 4; NAME 10

**nominate** ▶ CHOOSE 4; SUGGEST 3;

VOTE 2

**non-alcoholic** ▶ DRINK 7

**non-event**

*be a non-event* ▶ DISAPPOINTED 2

**non-fiction** ▶ BOOKS 3

**non-profitmaking** ▶ PROFIT 6

**non-smoker** ▶ SMOKING 4

**non-smoking** ▶ SMOKING 4

**non-starter** ▶ FAIL 4

**non-stop** ▶ CONTINUE 5; TRAVEL 5

**non-violent** ▶ VIOLENT 7

**nonchalant** ▶ DON'T CARE 3

**nonconformist** ▶ CONVENTIONAL/

UNCONVENTIONAL 2

**nondescript** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 2

**none** ▶ NONE/NOTHING 1

**none left/not any left** ▶ FINISH 13

**none of your business**

*it's none of your business*

▶ PRIVATE 6; INTERFERE 3

**none the wiser**

*be none the wiser* ▶ UNDERSTAND/

NOT UNDERSTAND 10

**nonentity** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 4

**nonetheless**

*however/nevertheless/nonetheless*

▶ BUT 1

**nonexistent** ▶ EXIST 2

**nonsense** ▶ DISAGREE 2;

MEANING 10

*stand/take no nonsense* ▶ STRICT/

NOT STRICT 3

**nonsense/rubbish** ▶ UNTRUE 4

**nor**

*neither ... nor* ▶ NOT 3

*neither one thing nor the other*

▶ NOT 3

**norm**

*be the norm* ▶ USUALLY 3

**normal** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 1, 4;

USUALLY 3

*be back to normal* ▶ RECOVER 5

*get back to normal/return to normal*

▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 5

**normality** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 5

**normally** ▶ USUALLY 1

**nose** ▶ END 4; FORWARD 2

*cut off your nose to spite your face*

▶ HARM 2

*it's no skin off my nose* ▶ DON'T

CARE 2

*keep your nose clean* ▶ BEHAVE 2

*poke/stick your nose into*

▶ INTERFERE 1

*powder your nose* ▶ TOILET 2

*turn your nose up at/turn up your nose*

*at* ▶ REJECT 7

**nose around** ▶ FIND OUT 6

**nosedive**

*take a nosedive* ▶ LESS 5

**nostalgia** ▶ REMEMBER 1

**nosy** ▶ FIND OUT 10

**not** ▶ NOT 1

**not a** ▶ NONE/NOTHING 1

**not at all** ▶ NO 1

**not likely** ▶ REFUSE 2

**not quite** ▶ ALMOST 1, 3, 4

**not really** ▶ NO 1

**not very** ▶ LITTLE 9

**notably** ▶ ESPECIALLY 1

**note** ▶ LETTER 1; MESSAGE 1;

MUSIC 1; NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 1;

REMEMBER 7

*make a mental note* ▶ REMEMBER 7

*make a note of something/note down*

*something* ▶ WRITE 1

*take notice/note* ▶ ATTENTION 1

*thank-you letter/note* ▶ THANK 4

**noted** ▶ FAMOUS 1

**notes**

*take notes* ▶ WRITE 1

**nothing**

*cost nothing/not cost anything*

▶ FREE 1

*do nothing/not do anything* ▶ DO/

NOT DO 13

*for nothing* ▶ CHEAP 5; FAIL 1

*for nothing/for free* ▶ FREE 1

*go to any lengths/stop at nothing*

▶ DETERMINED 4

*it's nothing* ▶ UNIMPORTANT 2

*next to nothing* ▶ LITTLE 4, 7

*not know anything/know nothing*

▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 15

*there's nothing to choose between*

▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 3

*think nothing of* ▶ EASY 4

*think nothing of it/it was nothing*

▶ THANK 5

**nothing but** ▶ ONLY 1

**nothing but/no more than**

▶ ONLY 4

**nothing else** ▶ ONLY 4

**nothing ever happens** ▶ BORING/

BORED 2

**nothing fancy** ▶ SIMPLE 5

**nothing in common**

*have nothing in common*

▶ DIFFERENT 2

**nothing in it**

*there's nothing in it* ▶ EMPTY 1

**nothing on**

*have nothing on/not have anything on*

▶ CLOTHES 12

**nothing special** ▶ BAD 3

**nothing to do**

*have nothing to do/not have anything*

*to do* ▶ DO/NOT DO 16

**nothing to do with**

*be/have nothing to do with*

▶ CONNECTED WITH/

RELATED 6, 7; INTERFERE 3; TAKE

PART/BE INVOLVED 9

*want nothing to do with* ▶ TAKE PART/

BE INVOLVED 11

**nothing to it**

*there's nothing to it* ▶ EASY 2

**nothing to worry about**

▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 11

**nothing/not anything** ▶ NONE/

NOTHING 1

**notice** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 1;

SIGN 1

*at short notice* ▶ SUDDENLY 1

*bring sth to sb's attention/notice*

▶ TELL 1

*come to sb's attention/notice* ▶ FIND

OUT 1

*escape sb's notice* ▶ NOTICE/NOT

NOTICE 2

*fail to notice* ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 2

*give sb (their) notice* ▶ LEAVE 23

*give sb notice* ▶ LEAVE 16

*hand in your notice/resignation*

▶ LEAVE 22

*not notice* ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 2

*pretend not to notice/see* ▶ IGNORE 2

*take no notice/not take any notice*

▶ ATTENTION 5; IGNORE 1

*take notice/note* ▶ ATTENTION 1

**noticeable** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 4;

OBVIOUS 1

**notify** ▶ TELL 1

**notion** ▶ IDEA 3

**notoriety**

*achieve notoriety* ▶ FAMOUS 3

**notorious** ▶ FAMOUS 1

**nought** ▶ NONE/NOTHING 2

**noun**

*proper noun* ▶ NAME 4

**nourishing** ▶ HEALTHY/

UNHEALTHY 6

**nourishment** ▶ FOOD 1

**novel** ▶ BOOKS 2; NEW 5

**novelist** ▶ BOOKS 6



**novelty** ▶ NEW 5

*the novelty wears off* ▶ BORING/  
BORED 8

**novice** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT  
EXPERIENCED 3**now** ▶ NOW 1, 2

*any day/any day now* ▶ SOON 2

*any minute/moment/time now*

▶ SOON 2

*as of now* ▶ NOW 5

*every now and then/every so often*

▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 2

*for now/for the moment*

▶ TEMPORARY 2

*for now/for the time being* ▶ NOW 5

*from now* ▶ AFTER 2; FUTURE 3;

LATER 1

*from now on* ▶ AFTER 3; FUTURE 1

*just now* ▶ JUST 1; NOW 1

*not now* ▶ NOW 6

*right now* ▶ NOW 1; IMMEDIATELY 1

*up to now/until now* ▶ NOW 3

**now and again/now and then**

▶ SOMETIMES 1

**nowadays/these days** ▶ NOW 2**nowhere**

*be nowhere to be seen/found*

▶ LOSE 2

*from out of nowhere* ▶ SUDDENLY 1

*get nowhere* ▶ FAIL 1; PROGRESS/

MAKE PROGRESS 3

*in the middle of nowhere/miles from*

*anywhere/in the back of beyond*

▶ FAR 3

**nowhere near** ▶ FAR 1**nowhere/not anywhere**

▶ PLACE 11

**noxious** ▶ HARM 4**nude** ▶ CLOTHES 12; PICTURE 1

*in the nude* ▶ CLOTHES 12

**nudge** ▶ PUSH 3**nudist/naturist** ▶ CLOTHES 12**null and void** ▶ USE 15**numb** ▶ FEEL 5**number** ▶ AMOUNT 2; MUSIC 2;

NUMBER 1, 2, 3; TOTAL 2

*a growing number/an increasing*

*number* ▶ MORE 4

*a large number of/large numbers of*

▶ LOT 2

*a number of* ▶ SOME/SEVERAL 1

*a small number* ▶ FEW/NOT

MANY 1

*opposite number* ▶ SAME 10

*the number of times* ▶ OFTEN 5

**number one** ▶ BEST 1

*look out for yourself/look after number*

*one* ▶ SELFISH/NOT SELFISH 1

**numbered** ▶ NUMBER 3**numbers**

*a large number of/large numbers of*

▶ LOT 2

*in large numbers* ▶ LOT 7

**numeral** ▶ NUMBER 1**numerous** ▶ LOT 2**nurse** ▶ FEEL 6; LOOK AFTER 1**nursery school** ▶ SCHOOL/

UNIVERSITY 2

**nurture** ▶ DEVELOP 5**nut** ▶ CRAZY 6**nutcase/loony** ▶ CRAZY 6**nutritious** ▶ HEALTHY/

UNHEALTHY 6

**nuts**

*be nuts* ▶ CRAZY 1

*blow your top/hit the roof/go crazy/go*

*nuts/have a fit* ▶ ANGRY 6

*drive sb crazy/nuts/mad/insane*

▶ CRAZY 5

*go crazy/go nuts/go mad*

▶ CRAZY 3, 4

**nutshell**

*in a nutshell* ▶ SUMMARIZE 3

**nutter** ▶ CRAZY 6**nutty** ▶ CRAZY 1**nymphomaniac** ▶ SEX 6**O****o** ▶ NONE/NOTHING 2**o'clock** ▶ TIME 2**oar**

*put/shove/stick your oar in*

▶ INTERFERE 1

**oasis** ▶ PEACEFUL 3**oath** ▶ PROMISE 2**obedience** ▶ OBEY 3

*blind obedience* ▶ OBEY 4

**obedient** ▶ OBEY 3**obese** ▶ FAT 2**obesity** ▶ FAT 2**obey** ▶ OBEY 1, 2**object** ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 4;

COMPLAIN 1; PURPOSE 1; THING 1

*money is no object* ▶ SPEND MONEY/

TIME 2

**objection** ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 3

*have no objection* ▶ LET/ALLOW 1

**objectionable** ▶ OFFEND 4

*obnoxious/objectionable*

▶ HORRIBLE 1

**objections**

*raise objections* ▶ AGAINST/

OPPOSE 4

**objective** ▶ FAIR 3; PURPOSE 1**obligation**

*be under no obligation to do sth*

▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 5

*have an obligation to do sth/be under*

*an obligation to do sth* ▶ MUST/

DON'T HAVE TO 2

**obligatory** ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE

TO 2

**obliged**

*be obliged to do sth* ▶ MUST/DON'T

HAVE TO 2

*feel obliged to do sth* ▶ MUST/DON'T

HAVE TO 3

**obliging** ▶ HELP 7**obliterate** ▶ DESTROY 1**oblivious** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 14**obnoxious/objectionable**

▶ HORRIBLE 1

**obscene** ▶ SEX 17**obscenity** ▶ RUDE 6**obscure** ▶ FAMOUS 6; KNOW/NOT

KNOW 21; UNDERSTAND/NOT

UNDERSTAND 11

**obsequious** ▶ FRIENDLY 5**observant** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 3**observation** ▶ SAY 11; WATCH 3, 5

*powers of observation* ▶ NOTICE/NOT

NOTICE 3

**observe** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 1;

OBEY 2; RELIGION 6; WATCH 1

**observer** ▶ WATCH 6**obsess** ▶ OBSESSION 2**obsessed** ▶ INTERESTED 2;

OBSESSION 2

**obsession** ▶ OBSESSION 1

*have an obsession with/for*

▶ OBSESSION 2

**obsessive** ▶ OBSESSION 2**obsolete** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 2**obstacle** ▶ PROBLEM 3; STOP 29**obstinate** ▶ DETERMINED 3**obstruct** ▶ STOP 26, 30**obtain** ▶ GET 1

*get/obtain advice* ▶ ADVISE 3

**obvious** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 4;

OBVIOUS 1

*blindingly/perfectly/quite obvious*

▶ OBVIOUS 2

**obviously/clearly** ▶ OBVIOUS 1**occasion** ▶ HAPPEN 8; TIME 3

*on one occasion* ▶ ONCE 1; PAST 5

*rise to the occasion/challenge* ▶ DEAL

WITH 3

**occasional** ▶ SOMETIMES 2**occasionally** ▶ SOMETIMES 1**occult**

*the occult* ▶ MAGIC 1

**occupant** ▶ LIVE 5**occupation** ▶ JOB 1**occupational** ▶ JOB 3**occupied** ▶ LIVE 6

*be occupied* ▶ USE 8

**occupier** ▶ LIVE 5**occur** ▶ EXIST 1; HAPPEN 1**occur to** ▶ REALIZE 1; THINK 7**occurrence** ▶ HAPPEN 7**ocean**

*a drop in the ocean* ▶ LITTLE 4

**OD** ▶ DRUG 5**odd** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 1

*funny/odd* ▶ STRANGE 2

*the odd* ▶ SOMETIMES 2

**oddball** ▶ STRANGE 3**odds** ▶ PROBABLY 7

*be at odds* ▶ DISAGREE 2

*be at odds with* ▶ DIFFERENT 12

*the odds are stacked (heavily) against*

*you* ▶ DISADVANTAGE 3

*the odds are stacked in sb's favour*

▶ ADVANTAGE 5

**odds and ends** ▶ THING 2**odour** ▶ SMELL 1, 3**of** ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 4

*of 5/10/35 etc* ▶ AGE 2

**of course** ▶ YES 1, 2**of course not** ▶ NO 1**of course/of course you can** ▶ LET/

ALLOW 3

**off** ▶ DISTANCE 1; SWITCH ON OR

OFF 4

*£1/\$20/10% etc off* ▶ CHEAP 7

*away/off* ▶ FUTURE 3

*be away/off* ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 5

*be off* ▶ CANCEL 1

*day off/afternoon off etc* ▶ HOLIDAY/

VACATION 1

*I'm off* ▶ LEAVE 2

**off and on/on and off**

▶ SOMETIMES 1

**off licence** ▶ SHOP/STORE 2**off-beat**

*offbeat/off-beat* ▶ UNUSUAL 1

**off-color** ▶ SEX 17



**off-peak** ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 7  
**off-season**  
*in the off-season* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 7  
**off-the-cuff** ▶ THINK 6  
**offbeat/off-beat** ▶ UNUSUAL 1  
**offence** ▶ CRIME 1; ILLEGAL 2  
*capital offence* ▶ KILL 7  
*cause offence* ▶ OFFEND 1  
*take offence* ▶ OFFEND 2  
**offend** ▶ OFFEND 1  
**offended** ▶ OFFEND 2  
*be/get easily offended* ▶ OFFEND 3  
**offender** ▶ CRIME 3  
**offensive** ▶ ATTACK 6; OFFEND 4  
**offer** ▶ OFFER 1, 2, 3, 4; PROVIDE/SUPPLY 1  
*make an offer* ▶ OFFER 3  
*special offer* ▶ CHEAP 7  
*take sb up on/take up sb's offer* ▶ ACCEPT 1  
**offer hope** ▶ HOPE 6  
**offer your sympathy** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 3  
**offhand** ▶ DON'T CARE 3  
**office**  
*head office* ▶ MANAGER 4  
*hold office* ▶ GOVERNMENT 7  
*in office* ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 4  
*take office* ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 5  
**officer** ▶ ARMY 2  
**official** ▶ OFFICIAL 1  
**officially** ▶ PUBLIC 3  
**officious** ▶ TELL 24  
**offing**  
*be in the offing* ▶ SOON 3  
**offload** ▶ GIVE 16  
**offset** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 7  
**offspring** ▶ CHILD 2  
**often** ▶ OFTEN 1  
*every so often* ▶ SOMETIMES 1; REGULAR/REGULARLY 2  
*how often* ▶ OFTEN 5  
*not often* ▶ RARE/RARELY 3  
*you don't often do sth* ▶ RARE/RARELY 2  
*you don't usually/often* ▶ UNUSUAL 1  
**ogle** ▶ LOOK 7  
**oil-painting**  
*he's/she's no oil-painting* ▶ UGLY 1  
**OK**  
*be all right/OK* ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 1  
*be OK for/be all right for* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 3  
*be OK/be okay* ▶ CONVENIENT 1  
*it's all right/it's OK/it's okay* ▶ SAD 9; FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 2; CALM 5  
*okay/OK/all right* ▶ NEW 3  
*that's all right/that's OK* ▶ THANK 5  
**OK,**  
*all right/OK, but ...* ▶ BAD 3  
**ok/okay** ▶ YES 2, 3  
**old** ▶ BEFORE 4; OLD 1, 8, 9  
*be 5/10/35 etc years old* ▶ AGE 2  
*be 5/50/100 etc years old* ▶ AGE 4  
*be as old as the hills* ▶ OLD 8  
*be years old* ▶ OLD 8  
*get/grow old* ▶ OLD 4  
*how old* ▶ AGE 1  
*same old* ▶ USUALLY 3  
**old age** ▶ OLD 7  
**old days**  
*in those days/in the old days* ▶ PAST 3

**old flame** ▶ GIRLFRIEND/BOYFRIEND 1; LOVE 6  
**old fogey** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 6  
**old friend** ▶ FRIEND 2  
**old guard** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 6  
**old hand** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 1  
**old man** ▶ FATHER 1  
**old man/woman/lady etc** ▶ OLD 5  
**old timer** ▶ OLD 5  
**old wives' tale** ▶ BELIEVE 9  
**old-fashioned** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8  
**olde worlde** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 5  
**olden days**  
*in the olden days* ▶ PAST 3  
**older** ▶ OLD 2  
**oldest** ▶ OLD 2  
**omen** ▶ SIGN 5  
**ominous** ▶ WARN 3  
**omit** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 6  
**omit to do sth** ▶ DO/NOT DO 13  
**on** ▶ ABOUT 1; FORWARD 1; ON/ON TOP OF 1; PLACE 4; SWITCH ON OR OFF 3; TIME 4  
*be on* ▶ COOK 1  
*be on me* ▶ PAY 2  
*be on/be playing* ▶ FILM/MOVIE 1  
*have a lot on* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 1  
**on and off/off and on** ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 2  
**on time** ▶ ON TIME 1  
**on top of** ▶ AND/ALSO 2  
**on-going** ▶ CONTINUE 5  
**on-message** ▶ OBEY 1  
**on-stream** ▶ WORKING 1  
**once** ▶ ONCE 1; PAST 5  
**once again/once more** ▶ AGAIN 1  
**once in a blue moon** ▶ RARE/RARELY 3  
**once in a while** ▶ SOMETIMES 1  
**once more**  
*one more time/once more* ▶ AGAIN 1  
**once/at one time** ▶ PAST 3  
**one** ▶ ONLY 1; VERY 1  
*in one piece* ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 6; HURT/INJURE 7  
*the one about ...* ▶ JOKE 1  
*the one before* ▶ BEFORE 4, 5  
*the one you love* ▶ LOVE 6  
**one after the other/one after another** ▶ SERIES 3  
**one another**  
*each other/one another* ▶ BOTH 1; EACH OTHER 1; TWO 4  
**one by one/one after another** ▶ ORDER 4  
**one day** ▶ FINALLY 1; ONCE 1  
**one day at a time** ▶ PLAN 11  
**one day/morning/afternoon** ▶ PAST 5  
**one day/some day** ▶ FUTURE 2  
**one more** ▶ ANOTHER 1  
**one more time/once more** ▶ AGAIN 1  
**one of a kind**  
*be one of a kind* ▶ DIFFERENT 3  
**one of its kind**  
*be the only one of its kind* ▶ DIFFERENT 3  
**one of these days** ▶ FUTURE 2

**one of those days**  
*it's one of those days/it's not my day* ▶ UNLUCKY 1  
**one or two** ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 1  
**one thing after another**  
*it's one thing after another* ▶ PROBLEM 7  
**one time** ▶ ONCE 1; PAST 5  
**one too many**  
*have had too much to drink/have had one too many* ▶ DRUNK 1  
**one-liner** ▶ JOKE 1  
**one-off**  
*be a one-off* ▶ DIFFERENT 3  
**one-sided** ▶ UNFAIR 3  
**one-track**  
*have a one-track mind* ▶ OBSESSION 2  
**ones**  
*in ones and twos* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 3  
*sb's loved ones* ▶ LOVE 6  
**online** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 8  
**onlooker** ▶ WATCH 6  
**only** ▶ ONLY 1, 2, 3, 5  
*you just/only have to ...* ▶ OBVIOUS 2  
**only have yourself to blame** ▶ FAULT 3  
**only if** ▶ IF 3  
**only just** ▶ JUST 1, 3, 6  
**only/except** ▶ BUT 1  
**only/just** ▶ ONLY 4  
**onset**  
*the onset* ▶ BEGINNING 1  
**onto** ▶ ON/ON TOP OF 1  
**onus**  
*the onus is on sb* ▶ RESPONSIBLE 1  
**onward** ▶ FORWARD 1  
**ooze** ▶ FLOW 1  
**opaque** ▶ SEE 9  
**open** ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 2; COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 4; FASTEN/UNFASTEN 2; FREE 4; HIDE 11; HONEST 2; OPEN 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; SHOW 15; START 10, 13, 15  
*be an open secret* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 9  
*be open to criticism* ▶ CRITICIZE 3  
*be open to discussion/negotiation* ▶ DISCUSS 4  
*break open* ▶ OPEN 1  
*burst/fly open* ▶ OPEN 2  
*crack open* ▶ OPEN 4  
*force open* ▶ OPEN 1  
*in the open air* ▶ OUT/OUTSIDE 1  
*keep your options open* ▶ DECIDE 6  
*lay yourself open to* ▶ RISK 6  
*prise open* ▶ OPEN 1  
**open doors for/open the door for** ▶ CHANCE 4  
**open fire** ▶ SHOOT 1  
**open to question/debate** ▶ UNCERTAIN 4  
**open up** ▶ OPEN 1; SHY 3  
**open your eyes** ▶ OPEN 6  
**open-air** ▶ OUT/OUTSIDE 8  
**open-ended** ▶ FREE 4  
**open/reopen old wounds** ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 4  
**opening** ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 2; BEGINNING 3, 6; HOLE 1; JOB 6; SPACE 5  
**openly** ▶ PUBLIC 3



**openness** ▶ HONEST 5  
**operate** ▶ BUSINESS 4; CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 12; MEDICAL TREATMENT 2  
**operation** ▶ MEDICAL TREATMENT 1  
*be in operation* ▶ HAPPEN 5  
*come into effect/operation* ▶ START 14  
**operational** ▶ WORKING 1  
**operations** ▶ BUSINESS 1  
**opinion** ▶ OPINION 1, 3  
*be of the same opinion* ▶ AGREE 1  
*body of opinion* ▶ OPINION 3  
*difference of opinion* ▶ DISAGREE 4  
*have a high opinion of* ▶ ADMIRE 1  
*have a low opinion of* ▶ DISAPPROVE 1  
*in my opinion* ▶ THINK 10  
*public opinion/popular opinion* ▶ OPINION 4  
*revise your opinion* ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 25  
*take the view that/be of the opinion that* ▶ THINK 8  
**opponent** ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 2; GAME 4; PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 5  
**opportune**  
*an opportune moment/time* ▶ TIME 14  
**opportunist** ▶ CHANCE 5  
**opportunities**  
*equal opportunities* ▶ RIGHT 10  
**opportunity** ▶ CHANCE 4; JOB 6  
*golden opportunity* ▶ CHANCE 4  
*jump at the chance/opportunity* ▶ ACCEPT 1; CHANCE 5  
*lost opportunity* ▶ CHANCE 6  
*miss a chance/an opportunity* ▶ CHANCE 6  
*take the opportunity* ▶ CHANCE 5  
**oppose** ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 1; FIGHT 8  
**opposed**  
*be against/be opposed to* ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 1  
*diametrically opposed* ▶ OPPOSITE 3  
**opposing** ▶ OPPOSITE 3  
**opposite** ▶ OPPOSITE 1, 3, 6  
*in opposite directions* ▶ OPPOSITE 5  
*just the opposite/reverse* ▶ OPPOSITE 3  
*the opposite* ▶ OPPOSITE 2  
*the opposite direction/the other direction* ▶ OPPOSITE 5  
**opposite number** ▶ SAME 10  
**opposites**  
*be opposites* ▶ OPPOSITE 1  
**opposition** ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 3; PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 5  
*the opposition* ▶ AGAINST/OPPOSE 2  
**oppress** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 4  
**oppressive** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 4; GOVERNMENT 4; HOT 3  
**opt** ▶ CHOOSE 2  
**opt out** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 9  
**optimism** ▶ HOPE 3  
**optimist** ▶ EXPECT 5  
**optimistic** ▶ EXPECT 5; HOPE 1  
**optimum** ▶ BEST 1  
**option** ▶ CHOOSE 8; DEAL WITH 6  
*easy option* ▶ EASY 5  
*have no choice/option* ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 3  
**optional** ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 5  
**options**  
*keep your options open* ▶ DECIDE 6

**or more** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 2  
**or so** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 1  
**or/or else** ▶ IF 4  
**oral** ▶ SPEAK 6  
**oral exam** ▶ TEST 1  
**orator** ▶ TALK 19  
**orbit** ▶ AROUND/ROUND 4  
**orchestrate** ▶ ARRANGE 5  
**ordeal** ▶ EXPERIENCE 2  
**order** ▶ ARRANGE 1, 2; ASK 9; ORDER 1; ORGANIZE 2; TELL 17, 18, 22  
*be in working order* ▶ WORKING 1  
*be out of order* ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 3  
*in order* ▶ ORDER 4  
*in order to do sth* ▶ IN ORDER TO 1  
*in the right order* ▶ ORDER 2  
*in the wrong order/out of order* ▶ ORDER 3  
*put sth in order* ▶ ARRANGE 1  
**order sb around** ▶ TELL 23  
**orderly** ▶ BEHAVE 2  
**orders**  
*give orders/instructions* ▶ TELL 18  
*issue orders/instructions* ▶ TELL 18  
*on sb's orders/instructions* ▶ TELL 21  
*under orders/instructions* ▶ TELL 21  
**ordinary** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 1, 2, 3  
*no ordinary* ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 6  
*out of the ordinary* ▶ UNUSUAL 1  
**organ** ▶ BODY 3  
**organic** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 3; NATURAL 2  
**organism** ▶ ALIVE 3  
**organization** ▶ ORGANIZATION 1  
**organize** ▶ ARRANGE 1, 3; ORGANIZE 1  
**organized** ▶ ORGANIZE 2, 5  
*badly organized* ▶ ORGANIZE 3  
*not very (well) organized* ▶ ORGANIZE 6  
**organized crime** ▶ CRIME 4  
**orgy** ▶ SEX 6  
**origin** ▶ BEGINNING 1  
**origin/origins** ▶ COME FROM 7  
**original** ▶ FIRST 1, 6; NEW 5  
**originally** ▶ BEGINNING 2  
**originate** ▶ COME FROM 6  
**originator** ▶ INVENT 2  
**origins** ▶ CAUSE 10; COME FROM 3  
*have its origins in* ▶ COME FROM 6  
*origin/origins* ▶ COME FROM 7  
**ornament** ▶ DECORATE 3  
**ornamental** ▶ DECORATE 3  
**ornate** ▶ DECORATE 4  
**orphan** ▶ CHILD 3  
**orphaned**  
*be orphaned* ▶ DIE 7  
**orthodox** ▶ RELIGION 5  
**ostentatious** ▶ SHOW OFF 3  
**ostracize** ▶ REJECT 5  
**other** ▶ DIFFERENT 5  
*this, that, and the other* ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 4  
**other day**  
*the other day* ▶ RECENTLY 1  
**other one**  
*pull the other one* ▶ BELIEVE 4  
**other side**  
*on the other side* ▶ OPPOSITE 6  
*the other side* ▶ BACK 5  
**other than** ▶ EXCEPT 1

**other way**  
*the other way* ▶ OPPOSITE 5  
**other way around**  
*the other way around* ▶ OPPOSITE 2  
**otherwise** ▶ DIFFERENT 9; IF 4, 5  
**ought to** ▶ SHOULD/UGHT TO 1  
*say sb should do sth/ought to do sth* ▶ ADVISE 1  
*you should do sth/you ought to do sth* ▶ ADVISE 2  
**ought to (do sth)** ▶ SHOULD/UGHT TO 2  
**ought to be/should be** ▶ PROBABLY 3  
**oust** ▶ GET RID OF 2  
**out** ▶ FREE 8; GAY 3; OUT/OUTSIDE 1, 4, 5; SWITCH ON OR OFF 4  
*be just out* ▶ NEW 1  
*be on the way out* ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 1  
*be out* ▶ HOME 6  
*be out to do sth* ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 1  
*be out/not be in* ▶ HERE/NOT HERE 3  
**out of** ▶ BECAUSE 1  
**out of fashion** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 8  
**out of place**  
*be/seem/feel/look out of place* ▶ UNSUITABLE 2, 3  
*not have a hair out of place* ▶ TIDY 4  
**out of reach** ▶ FAR 4  
**out of the way** ▶ FAR 3  
**out with it/spit it out** ▶ TELL 15  
**out!**  
*look out/watch out!* ▶ CAREFUL 3  
**out-of-date/out of date** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 4  
**out-of-town** ▶ TOWN 3  
**outbreak** ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 5; START 12  
**outburst** ▶ ANGRY 10  
**outclass** ▶ BETTER 3  
**outcome** ▶ RESULT 2  
**outcry** ▶ COMPLAIN 4  
**outdated** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 2, 3  
**outdo** ▶ BETTER 3; DO/NOT DO 11  
**outdoor** ▶ OUT/OUTSIDE 8  
**outdoors/out of doors** ▶ OUT/OUTSIDE 1  
**outer** ▶ OUT/OUTSIDE 6  
**outfit** ▶ CLOTHES 2  
**outgoing** ▶ FRIENDLY 2  
**outgoings** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 9  
**outing** ▶ TRAVEL 10  
**outlandish** ▶ STRANGE 2  
**outlaw** ▶ FORBID 1  
**outlawed** ▶ FORBID 6  
**outlay** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 9  
**outlet**  
*retail outlet* ▶ SHOP/STORE 1  
**outline** ▶ DETAIL 5; SHAPE 1; SUMMARIZE 2, 4  
**outlive** ▶ ALIVE 2  
**outlook** ▶ THINK 9  
*the outlook* ▶ FUTURE 4; WEATHER 3  
**outmoded** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 3  
**outnumber** ▶ MORE 3  
**outpatient** ▶ HOSPITAL 3  
**outplay** ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 2  
**output** ▶ MAKE 7



**outrage** ▶ ANGRY 14; BAD 11; SHOCKED/SHOCKING 7  
**outraged** ▶ ANGRY 4; SHOCKED/SHOCKING 7  
**outrageous** ▶ BAD 13  
**outrank** ▶ POSITION/RANK 3  
**outright** ▶ IMMEDIATELY 2  
**outsell** ▶ SELL 12  
**outset**  
*at the outset* ▶ BEGINNING 2  
*from the outset* ▶ BEGINNING 5  
**outshine** ▶ BETTER 3  
**outside** ▶ OUT/  
 OUTSIDE 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9  
*an outside chance* ▶ PROBABLY 9  
*the outside* ▶ OUT/OUTSIDE 7  
*the outside world* ▶ OUT/OUTSIDE 2  
**outsider** ▶ LOSE 5; OUT/OUTSIDE 9  
**outskirts** ▶ EDGE 2; TOWN 3  
**outsmart**  
*outwit/outsmart* ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 4  
**outstanding** ▶ GOOD 4; GOOD AT 2; OWE 5; REMAIN 2  
**outstay your welcome/overstay your welcome** ▶ STAY 4  
**outstrip** ▶ BETTER 3  
**outwardly** ▶ SEEM 2  
**outwards** ▶ OUT/OUTSIDE 5  
**outwit/outsmart** ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 4  
**oval** ▶ CIRCLE 3; ROUND 2  
**ovation**  
*standing ovation* ▶ CLAP 1  
**oven**  
*like an oven* ▶ HOT 3  
**over** ▶ ABOVE 1; ACROSS 1; DURING 1; MORE 2; ON/ON TOP OF 1  
*be left over* ▶ REMAIN 1  
*be over* ▶ FINISH 7, 8; RECOVER 3, 5  
*be over and done with* ▶ FINISH 10  
*be over sb's head* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 10  
*be over/be all over* ▶ FINISH 10  
*bend over* ▶ BEND 2  
*extend over* ▶ LAST 5; SIZE 3  
*get over* ▶ DEAL WITH 3; RECOVER 1, 4  
*get sth over* ▶ EXPRESS 1  
*go over* ▶ REPEAT 4  
*go over to* ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 12; JOIN 9  
*go over/go around/go round* ▶ VISIT 1  
*go through/go over* ▶ EXAMINE 1  
*have sb over* ▶ INVITE 1  
*not over yet* ▶ FINISH 11  
*overrun/run over* ▶ LONG 9  
*put sth over* ▶ COVER 1  
**over and over again** ▶ AGAIN 5  
**over the hill**  
*be over the hill* ▶ OLD 3  
**over the limit**  
*be over the limit* ▶ DRUNK 5  
**over the moon**  
*be over the moon* ▶ HAPPY 3  
**over the top** ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 3  
**over there** ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 1  
**over time** ▶ EARN 9  
**over with**  
*get it over with/get it over and done with* ▶ FINISH 6  
**over-30s**  
*the over-30s/40s/50s etc* ▶ AGE 6  
**over-friendly** ▶ FRIENDLY 5

**over-indulgent** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 8  
**over-sensitive** ▶ OFFEND 3  
**over-used** ▶ USE 13  
**overall** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 3  
**overawed**  
*be overawed* ▶ IMPRESS 3  
**overbearing** ▶ TELL 24  
**overcast** ▶ WEATHER 11  
**overcharge** ▶ CHEAT 2  
**overcome**  
*be overcome with/by* ▶ FEEL 6  
**overcome/conquer** ▶ STOP 28  
**overconfident** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 2  
**overcooked/overdone** ▶ COOK 4  
**overcrowded** ▶ CROWD 2  
**overdo it** ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 3; WORK HARD 3  
**overdone**  
*overcooked/overdone* ▶ COOK 4  
**overdose**  
*take an overdose* ▶ DRUG 5  
**overdose on** ▶ DRUG 5  
**overdraft** ▶ OWE 4  
**overdrawn**  
*be overdrawn* ▶ OWE 1  
**overdue** ▶ LATE 4  
**overeas** ▶ EAT 3  
**overemphasize** ▶ EMPHASIZE 2; EXAGGERATE 1  
**overestimate** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 8; GUESS 4  
**overexcited** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 2  
**overflowing** ▶ FULL 1  
**overhang** ▶ ABOVE 1  
**overhaul** ▶ REPAIR 1, 3  
**overhead** ▶ ABOVE 1  
**overheads** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 9  
**overhear** ▶ HEAR 1  
**overheat** ▶ HOT 7  
**overindulge/overindulge yourself** ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 3  
**overjoyed** ▶ HAPPY 3  
**overkill** ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 2  
**overland** ▶ TRAVEL 3  
**overload** ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 3  
**overloaded** ▶ CARRY 2  
**overlook** ▶ IGNORE 3; NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 2  
**overpaid**  
*be overpaid* ▶ EARN 4  
**overprotective** ▶ PROTECT 5  
**overrated** ▶ EXAGGERATE 1  
**overreact** ▶ REACT 1; TOO/TOO MUCH 3  
**overreaction** ▶ REACT 3  
**override** ▶ TELL 20  
**overriding** ▶ IMPORTANT 3  
**override** ▶ TELL 20  
**overrun/run over** ▶ LONG 9  
**overseas** ▶ FOREIGN 1, 3  
*go overseas* ▶ TRAVEL 6  
**oversee** ▶ IN CHARGE OF 1  
**oversensitive/overly sensitive** ▶ UPSET 5  
**oversight** ▶ MISTAKE 1  
**oversimplify** ▶ SIMPLE 4  
**oversleep** ▶ WAKE UP/GET UP 4  
**overstate** ▶ EXAGGERATE 1  
**overstatement** ▶ EXAGGERATE 2

**overstay**  
*outstay your welcome/overstay your welcome* ▶ STAY 4  
**overtake** ▶ BETTER 3; PASS/GO PAST 1  
**overthrow** ▶ GET RID OF 2  
**overturn** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 6; FALL 7; TURN 10  
**overview** ▶ SUMMARIZE 2  
**overweight** ▶ FAT 1  
**overwhelm** ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 3  
**overworked** ▶ WORK HARD 3  
**owe** ▶ OWE 1; THANK 3  
*I owe you an apology* ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 2  
**owing** ▶ OWE 5  
**owing to**  
*due to/owing to* ▶ BECAUSE 1  
**owl**  
*night owl* ▶ SLEEP 13  
**own** ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 1; OWN 1  
*alone/on your own/by yourself* ▶ ALONE 1  
*be your own man/woman* ▶ INDEPENDENT 5  
*of your own* ▶ OWN 2  
*on your own/by yourself* ▶ ALONE 2  
*your own* ▶ OWN 2  
**own thing**  
*do your own thing* ▶ FREE 3  
**own up** ▶ ADMIT 1  
**owner** ▶ OWN 3  
**ozone layer**  
*hole in the ozone layer* ▶ ENVIRONMENT 5

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**pace** ▶ SPEED 1; WALK 2, 16  
*at a snail's pace* ▶ SLOW 1  
*keep pace with* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 1  
*quicken your pace* ▶ FAST 5  
**pacifist** ▶ PEACE 4  
**pacify** ▶ ANGRY 15  
**pack** ▶ PUT 10  
**pack off** ▶ SEND 3  
**pack up** ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 4; STOP 7  
**pack/jack it in** ▶ LEAVE 22  
**packed** ▶ CROWD 2; FULL 1  
*get packed* ▶ PUT 10  
**pact** ▶ AGREE 6  
**pad** ▶ WALK 8  
**paddle** ▶ WALK 12  
**page**  
*home page* ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 8  
*the front page* ▶ NEWSPAPERS 2  
*the TV page/the sports pages etc* ▶ NEWSPAPERS 2  
*web page* ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 8  
**page-turner** ▶ INTERESTING 2; READ 13  
**pages**  
*the TV page/the sports pages etc* ▶ NEWSPAPERS 2  
**paid**  
*be paid/get paid* ▶ EARN 1  
*well-paid/highly paid* ▶ EARN 5



**pain** ▶ PAIN 1  
*a pain (in the neck)* ▶ DIFFICULT 1,7; ANGRY 9  
*aches and pains* ▶ PAIN 1  
*be in pain* ▶ PAIN 3  
*feel/have a pain in* ▶ PAIN 3  
*inflict pain* ▶ HURT/INJURE 3  
**painful** ▶ PAIN 2; UPSET 4  
**painless** ▶ PAIN 5  
**pains**  
*be at pains to do sth* ▶ TRY 2  
*take pains to do sth* ▶ CAREFUL 6  
**painstaking** ▶ CAREFUL 5  
**paint** ▶ PAINT 1, 3  
**paint a picture** ▶ DESCRIBE 2  
**painted** ▶ PAINT 5  
**painter** ▶ PAINT 2, 4  
**painting** ▶ PICTURE 1  
**pair** ▶ TWO 2, 3  
*the pair of them/us/you* ▶ BOTH 1  
**pal** ▶ FRIEND 1  
**palatial** ▶ BIG 3  
**pale** ▶ BRIGHT 4; COLOUR 4  
*go white/pale* ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 3  
**pale into insignificance**  
▶ UNIMPORTANT 3  
**palm sth off on** ▶ GIVE 16  
**paltry** ▶ LITTLE 5  
**pamper** ▶ KIND 3  
**pan** ▶ CRITICIZE 2  
**pan out**  
*work out/pan out* ▶ HAPPEN 4  
**panacea** ▶ SOLVE 2  
**panache** ▶ STYLE/ELEGANCE 1  
**pane** ▶ PIECE 4  
**panel** ▶ GROUP 4  
**panic** ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 3,8  
**panic-stricken** ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 1  
**panicky** ▶ NERVOUS 1  
**panorama** ▶ SEE 4  
**pant** ▶ BREATHE 6  
**pants**  
*catch sb with their pants down*  
▶ READY/NOT READY 6  
**paper**  
*newspaper/paper* ▶ NEWSPAPERS 1  
*on paper* ▶ WRITE 14  
*waste paper* ▶ RUBBISH/GARBAGE 1  
**paper-thin** ▶ THIN 8  
**paperback** ▶ BOOKS 1  
**par**  
*be on a par with* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 3  
**par for the course**  
*be par for the course* ▶ EXPECT 7  
**parable** ▶ STORY 2  
**parade** ▶ LINE 10; SHOW 7; WALK 9  
**paradox** ▶ OPPOSITE 4  
**parallel** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 11  
*draw a parallel* ▶ COMPARE 1  
**paralyse** ▶ STOP 18  
**paralysed** ▶ HURT/INJURE 6; MOVE/NOT MOVE 10  
**paralytic/legless** ▶ DRUNK 3  
**parameters** ▶ LIMIT 3  
**paramount** ▶ IMPORTANT 3  
**paranoid** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 4  
**paraphernalia** ▶ THING 2  
**parasite** ▶ GET 7  
**parched** ▶ DRY 2; THIRSTY 1

**pardon** ▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 1  
*excuse me/pardon me* ▶ ASK 10  
*I beg your pardon* ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 2  
*sorry?/pardon?* ▶ REPEAT 6  
**pare down** ▶ REDUCE 4  
**parents** ▶ FAMILY 1  
**Parisians**  
*Londoners/New Yorkers/Parisians etc*  
▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 3  
**parity** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 2  
**parking**  
*no smoking/parking etc* ▶ FORBID 2  
**parliament** ▶ GOVERNMENT 3  
*MP/member of parliament*  
▶ POLITICS 2  
**parody** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 3  
**part** ▶ PART 1, 3, 5; SEPARATE 5, 7  
*be part of* ▶ PART 7  
*compete/take part* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 3  
*for the most part* ▶ IN GENERAL 1  
*form (a) part of* ▶ PART 7  
*in part* ▶ PARTLY 1  
*not take part/not participate* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 9  
*play a leading part/role*  
▶ IMPORTANT 8  
*play a part* ▶ CAUSE 8; EFFECT/AFFECT 3; TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 1  
*take no further part in* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 9  
*take part* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 1  
*take/have/play no part in* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 9  
*the best part* ▶ BEST 3  
*the better part of/best part of*  
▶ MOST 1  
*the first part* ▶ BEGINNING 6  
*want no part in* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 11  
**part of me/her** ▶ CHARACTER 2  
**part of the body** ▶ BODY 3  
**part with** ▶ GIVE 12  
*not part with* ▶ KEEP 1  
**part/role** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 6  
**partial** ▶ COMPLETE/NOT COMPLETE 4  
**partial to**  
*be partial to* ▶ LIKE 3  
**partially** ▶ PARTLY 1  
*be partly true/partially true* ▶ TRUE 4  
**partially sighted** ▶ SEE 12  
**participant** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 8  
**participate** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 1  
*not take part/not participate* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 9  
**particular** ▶ DIFFERENT 6; SPECIAL 1  
*be particular about* ▶ CHOOSE 9  
*in particular* ▶ ESPECIALLY 1  
*special/particular* ▶ ESPECIALLY 1  
**particularly**  
*especially/particularly*  
▶ ESPECIALLY 1  
*not particularly* ▶ NOT 1  
**particulars** ▶ DETAIL 2  
**partly** ▶ PARTLY 1  
*be partly true/partially true* ▶ TRUE 4  
**partner** ▶ DANCE 3; GIRLFRIEND/BOYFRIEND 1; MARRY 10; WITH/TOGETHER 5

**partners**  
*change partners* ▶ EXCHANGE 1  
**partnership** ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 7  
*in partnership with* ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 2  
**party** ▶ GROUP 2; ORGANIZATION 2; PARTY 1, 4  
*dinner party* ▶ MEAL 5  
*hen night/hen party* ▶ MARRY 7  
*throw a party* ▶ PARTY 3  
**party pooper** ▶ SPOIL 6  
**party to**  
*be (a) party to* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 7  
**partying** ▶ PARTY 4  
**pas**  
*faux pas* ▶ MISTAKE 4  
**pass** ▶ ACCEPT 6; GIVE 1; GOOD ENOUGH 2; LAW 4; MORE 3; PASS/GO PAST 1; TEST 7; THROW 2  
*could pass for/could be mistaken for*  
▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 4  
*let it pass* ▶ IGNORE 3  
**pass around** ▶ GIVE 2  
**pass away** ▶ DIE 1  
**pass judgment** ▶ JUDGE 3  
**pass on** ▶ GIVE 7, 10; TELL 7  
**pass out** ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 2  
**pass sb by** ▶ GET 12  
**pass the buck** ▶ BLAME 4; RESPONSIBLE 4  
**pass the time** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 10  
**pass the time of day** ▶ TALK 4  
**pass/be given a pass** ▶ TEST 7  
**pass/go by** ▶ TIME 22  
**passable** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 1  
**passage**  
*the passage/passing of time*  
▶ TIME 22  
**passenger** ▶ TRAVEL 11  
**passing** ▶ SHORT 10  
*the passage/passing of time*  
▶ TIME 22  
**passion** ▶ FEEL 7; LOVE 4  
*have a passion for* ▶ LIKE 2  
*sb's passion/sb's love* ▶ LIKE 6  
**passionate** ▶ FEEL 9; LOVE 5; STRONG 6  
**passive** ▶ DO/NOT DO 17  
**password** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 5  
**past** ▶ AFTER 3; PASS/GO PAST 1; PAST 1; TIME 2  
*be living in the past* ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 6  
*break with tradition/break with the past* ▶ TRADITION 4  
*I wouldn't put it past sb*  
▶ PROBABLY 6  
*in the last/past few weeks/months etc*  
▶ RECENTLY 2  
*in the past* ▶ PAST 3  
*it's all in the past* ▶ FINISH 10  
*live in the past* ▶ PAST 4  
*sb's/sth's past* ▶ PAST 2  
*the past* ▶ PAST 1  
**past caring**  
*be past caring* ▶ DON'T CARE 1  
**past it**  
*be past it* ▶ OLD 3  
**paste** ▶ LIQUID 4  
*cut and paste* ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 4



**pastel** ▶ COLOUR 4  
**pastime** ▶ DO/NOT DO 8; INTERESTED 7  
**pat** ▶ HIT 6; TOUCH 2  
*have sth off pat* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 6  
**patch** ▶ AREA 7, 8; MARK 1  
*a bad patch* ▶ TIME 12  
*not be a patch on* ▶ WORSE 1  
**patch up** ▶ REPAIR 1  
**patch up your differences/settle your differences** ▶ ARGUE 7  
**patchy** ▶ BAD 3; COMPLETE/NOT COMPLETE 4  
**patently** ▶ OBVIOUS 3  
**paternal** ▶ FATHER 3  
**path** ▶ ROAD/PATH 4  
*route/path* ▶ WAY 4  
**pathetic** ▶ BAD AT DOING STH 2; SYMPATHIZE 7  
**patient** ▶ ILL/SICK 7; WAIT 6  
**patriotic** ▶ COUNTRY 8  
**patron of the arts** ▶ ART/CULTURE 6  
**patronize** ▶ TALK 11  
**patter** ▶ SOUND 6  
**pattern** ▶ ORDER 1; PATTERN 1  
**patterning** ▶ PATTERN 1  
**paunch** ▶ FAT 5  
**pause** ▶ PAUSE 1, 3  
**pave the way** ▶ PREPARE 5  
**pave the way for** ▶ POSSIBLE 3  
**pavement** ▶ ROAD/PATH 4  
**paw print** ▶ MARK 4  
**pawn** ▶ USE 21  
**pay** ▶ EARN 8; PAY 1, 2, 4; SPEND MONEY/TIME 1; SUFFER 2  
*be a high price to pay* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 10  
*be able to pay* ▶ PAY 3  
*be in the pay of* ▶ SPY 1  
*low pay* ▶ EARN 7  
*make sb pay* ▶ PUNISH 1  
*not pay well* ▶ EARN 6  
**pay a visit** ▶ VISIT 1, 3  
**pay alimony** ▶ PAY 10  
**pay attention** ▶ ATTENTION 1; LISTEN 1  
*not pay attention* ▶ ATTENTION 4, 5  
**pay attention to** ▶ ATTENTION 2; CAREFUL 6  
**pay back** ▶ PAY 6  
**pay child support** ▶ PAY 10  
**pay for** ▶ PUNISH 6  
**pay good money for** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 1  
**pay in advance** ▶ PAY 7  
**pay maintenance** ▶ PAY 10  
**pay no attention/not pay any attention** ▶ IGNORE 1  
**pay off** ▶ PAY 6; SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 3  
**pay out** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 1  
**pay sb back**  
*get/pay sb back* ▶ REVENGE 1  
**pay tribute to** ▶ PRAISE 1  
**pay up** ▶ PAY 6  
**pay well** ▶ EARN 5  
**pay/give towards** ▶ GIVE 14  
**payment** ▶ PAY 12  
*down payment* ▶ PAY 12  
*make/put a down payment on* ▶ PAY 7  
**payroll**  
*be on the payroll* ▶ WORK FOR SB 1

**PC** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 1  
**peace** ▶ PEACE 1; PEACEFUL 2  
*be at peace with* ▶ PEACE 1  
*keep the peace* ▶ PEACE 3  
*make peace* ▶ PEACE 2  
**peace movement** ▶ PEACE 4  
**peace protester/demonstrator** ▶ PEACE 4  
**peace treaty** ▶ PEACE 2  
**peace-keeping** ▶ PEACE 3  
**peace-loving** ▶ PEACE 4  
**peaceful** ▶ PEACE 1; PEACEFUL 1; VIOLENT 7  
**peacekeepers** ▶ PEACE 3  
**peacetime** ▶ PEACE 1  
**peak** ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 5  
*be at your peak* ▶ BEST 4  
**peanuts** ▶ EARN 7; LITTLE 5  
*get peanuts/work for peanuts* ▶ EARN 6  
**peck** ▶ BITE 4; KISS 3  
*give sb a peck* ▶ KISS 1  
**peckish** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 1  
**peculiar** ▶ STRANGE 1, 2  
**peculiar to**  
*be peculiar to* ▶ ONLY 5  
**pedantic** ▶ DETAIL 8  
**peddle** ▶ SELL 1, 2  
**peddler**  
*snake-oil salesman/peddler* ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 5  
**pedestal**  
*put sb on a pedestal* ▶ ADMIRE 2; PERFECT 8  
**pedestrian** ▶ WALK 18  
**peek/take a peek** ▶ LOOK 3  
**peel off** ▶ REMOVE 3  
**peep** ▶ LOOK 3  
**peer** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 2; LOOK 5  
**peer group/peers** ▶ AGE 6  
**pejorative** ▶ DISAPPROVE 4  
**pelt** ▶ THROW 4  
**pen name** ▶ NAME 3  
**penalize** ▶ PUNISH 1  
**penalty** ▶ PUNISH 4  
*the death penalty* ▶ KILL 7  
**pencil in** ▶ ARRANGE 3; TIME 6  
**penetrate** ▶ ENTER 4, 11  
**penitentiary** ▶ PRISON 1  
**penny-pinching** ▶ GENEROUS/NOT GENEROUS 2  
**pension** ▶ MONEY 7  
**pensioner/old age pensioner** ▶ OLD 5  
**pensive** ▶ THINK 5  
**penultimate** ▶ LAST 3  
**people** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 2  
*of all people* ▶ ESPECIALLY 1  
*the people* ▶ COUNTRY 4; PERSON/PEOPLE 3  
*they say/people say* ▶ SAY 12  
**per**  
*miles per hour/metres per second etc* ▶ SPEED 1  
**per capita** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 6  
**per person** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 6  
**perceive** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 1  
**percentage** ▶ AMOUNT 3; PART 2  
**perceptible** ▶ OBVIOUS 1  
**perceptive** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 3  
**perennial** ▶ ALWAYS 2

**perfect** ▶ GOOD 1; IMPROVE 3; PERFECT 1, 2, 3  
*in an ideal world/in a perfect world* ▶ PERFECT 4  
*in perfect/mint condition* ▶ CONDITION 2  
*word perfect* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 6  
**perfection** ▶ PERFECT 1  
*bring something to perfection* ▶ PERFECT 3  
*to perfection* ▶ PERFECT 6  
**perfectionist** ▶ PERFECT 3  
**perfectly** ▶ PERFECT 6  
*know perfectly well* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 1  
**perforated** ▶ HOLE 6  
**perform** ▶ DO/NOT DO 1; MUSIC 3; PERFORM/PERFORMANCE 1  
*be/appear/perform in* ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 5  
**performance** ▶ MUSIC 7; PERFORM/PERFORMANCE 5  
*repeat performance* ▶ HAPPEN 6  
**performer** ▶ MUSIC 4; PERFORM/PERFORMANCE 3  
**perfume**  
*scent/fragrance/perfume* ▶ SMELL 2  
**perfumed** ▶ SMELL 4  
**perhaps**  
*maybe/perhaps* ▶ MAYBE 1; SUGGEST 5  
**peril** ▶ DANGEROUS 6  
*at your peril* ▶ DANGEROUS 4  
*be in peril* ▶ DANGEROUS 3  
**perilous** ▶ DANGEROUS 1  
**perimeter** ▶ EDGE 2  
**period** ▶ CLASS 2; TIME 12, 13  
*gestation period* ▶ BABY 9  
**periodic** ▶ SOMETIMES 2  
**peripheral** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 3  
**perish** ▶ DIE 2  
**perjury** ▶ LIE 3  
**perk** ▶ EARN 9  
**perk up** ▶ HAPPY 6  
**permanent** ▶ ALWAYS 6  
**permanently** ▶ ALWAYS 2, 4  
**permeate** ▶ ENTER 11; SPREAD 1  
**permission** ▶ LET/ALLOW 8  
**permissive** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 8  
**permit** ▶ LET/ALLOW 1, 9; POSSIBLE 3  
**permitted**  
*be permitted* ▶ LET/ALLOW 4  
*be prohibited/not be permitted* ▶ FORBID 2  
**perpendicular** ▶ VERTICAL 1  
**perpetual** ▶ ALWAYS 6; CONTINUE 7  
**perpetuate** ▶ CONTINUE 4  
**perplex** ▶ SOLVE 6  
**perplexed** ▶ CONFUSED 2  
**persecute** ▶ CRUEL 5  
**persecution** ▶ CRUEL 4  
**perseverance** ▶ DETERMINED 5  
**persevere** ▶ CONTINUE 3  
**persist** ▶ CONTINUE 1, 2  
**persistent** ▶ CONTINUE 7  
**person** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 1  
*in person* ▶ PERSONALLY/YOURSELF 1  
*per person* ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 6  
**personal** ▶ OWN 2; PERSONALLY/YOURSELF 3; PRIVATE 1, 2  
*private/personal* ▶ PRIVATE 3



**personality** ▶ CHARACTER 1, 4; FAMOUS 5

**personally** ▶ PERSONALLY/YOURSELF 1; THINK 10  
*take sth personally* ▶ OFFEND 2

**personally/in person** ▶ PERSONALLY/YOURSELF 2

**personify** ▶ TYPICAL 3

**personnel** ▶ WORK FOR SB 4

**perspective** ▶ OPINION 2

**perspiration** ▶ SWEAT 2

**perspire** ▶ SWEAT 1

**persuade** ▶ PERSUADE 1, 4

**persuade sb not to do sth** ▶ PERSUADE 11

**persuasion** ▶ PERSUADE 1

**persuasive** ▶ PERSUADE 6, 9

**pertinent** ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 4

**pervasive** ▶ COMMON 2

**pervert** ▶ BAD 6

**perverted** ▶ BAD 5

**pessimist** ▶ EXPECT 6

**pessimistic** ▶ EXPECT 6

**pester** ▶ ASK 12

**pet hate** ▶ HATE 4

**pet name** ▶ NAME 2

**peter out** ▶ STOP 15

**petite** ▶ SHORT 7

**petition** ▶ ASK 17

**petrified** ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 1

**petty** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 1

**phantom** ▶ GHOST 1

**pharmacy** ▶ SHOP/STORE 2

**phase** ▶ PART 5

**phase in** ▶ START 14

**phase out** ▶ STOP 19

**PhD**  
*doctorate/PhD* ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 7

**phenomenon** ▶ HAPPEN 7

**philanthropist** ▶ GIVE 5

**philistine** ▶ ART/CULTURE 7

**phobia**  
*have a phobia about* ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 2

**phone** ▶ TELEPHONE 1  
*be on the phone* ▶ TELEPHONE 1  
*by phone/telephone* ▶ TELEPHONE 6  
*on/over the phone* ▶ TELEPHONE 6  
*put the phone down* ▶ TELEPHONE 7  
*slam the phone down/slam down the phone* ▶ TELEPHONE 7

**phone call**  
*call/phone call/telephone call* ▶ TELEPHONE 4  
*make a call/phone call/telephone call* ▶ TELEPHONE 1  
*return a call/phone call/telephone call* ▶ TELEPHONE 3

**phone up**  
*ring/phone up* ▶ TELEPHONE 1

**phoney/phony** ▶ FALSE 1; PRETEND 5

**photo finish** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 4

**photo/picture** ▶ PICTURE 3

**photocopy** ▶ COPY 1, 4

**photograph** ▶ PICTURE 3

**photography** ▶ PICTURE 3

**phrase** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 1, 2

**physical** ▶ BODY 5

**physical (examination)** ▶ EXAMINE 4

**physician** ▶ DOCTOR 1

**physique** ▶ BODY 2

**pick** ▶ CHOOSE 1, 4; REMOVE 2  
*take your pick* ▶ CHOOSE 1

**pick a fight** ▶ ARGUE 3; FIGHT 2

**pick at** ▶ EAT 7

**pick holes in** ▶ CRITICIZE 4

**pick off** ▶ SHOOT 2

**pick on** ▶ CRUEL 5

**pick out** ▶ CHOOSE 3; RECOGNIZE 1

**pick sb's brains** ▶ ASK 3

**pick up** ▶ ANSWER 3; BUY 1; ILLNESS/DISEASE 3; IMPROVE 1; INCREASE 1; LEARN 1; LIFT 1; MEET 5; SAVE 4; TAKE 3; TIDY 2

**pick up the tab** ▶ PAY 2

**pick up/gather speed** ▶ FAST 5

**pick up/take up where you left off** ▶ CONTINUE 8

**pick your way** ▶ WALK 14

**pickpocket** ▶ STEAL 5

**picky**  
*be a fussy/picky eater* ▶ EAT 12  
*fussy/picky* ▶ CHOOSE 9

**picnic** ▶ MEAL 6  
*be one sandwich short of a picnic* ▶ CRAZY 1

**picture** ▶ IMAGINE 1; PICTURE 1  
*form a picture* ▶ IMAGINE 1  
*get the picture* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 1  
*paint a picture* ▶ DESCRIBE 2  
*photo/picture* ▶ PICTURE 3

**picture of health**  
*be a picture of health* ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 3

**picturesque** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 6

**pie**  
*eat humble pie* ▶ ADMIT 7

**pie in the sky** ▶ HOPE 5

**piece** ▶ PART 1; PIECE 1; WORK 4  
*in one piece* ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 6; HURT/INJURE 7

**pièce de résistance** ▶ BEST 3

**piece of cake**  
*be a cinch/a piece of cake* ▶ EASY 2

**piece of work** ▶ WORK 10  
*nasty piece of work* ▶ HORRIBLE 1

**piece/piece of music** ▶ MUSIC 2

**pieces**  
*be in pieces* ▶ SEPARATE 3  
*bits and pieces* ▶ THING 2  
*break into pieces/bits* ▶ BREAK 6  
*come to pieces* ▶ SEPARATE 3  
*fall to bits/pieces* ▶ BREAK 6  
*go to pieces* ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 14  
*take sth to pieces* ▶ SEPARATE 2

**pierce** ▶ HOLE 8

**piercing** ▶ HIGH 7; LOUD 2; VOICE 3

**pig** ▶ GREEDY 1  
*guinea pig* ▶ TEST 12  
*make a pig of yourself* ▶ EAT 3

**pig out** ▶ EAT 3

**pig-headed** ▶ DETERMINED 3

**pigeon**  
*stool pigeon* ▶ TELL 10

**pigeonhole** ▶ TYPE 4

**pigsty** ▶ UNTIDY 1

**pile** ▶ GROUP 12; PUT 4  
*be at the bottom of the pile* ▶ POSITION/RANK 5

**pile up** ▶ INCREASE 5

**pile-up** ▶ ACCIDENT 2

**piles/heaps/stacks** ▶ LOT 1

**pilfer** ▶ STEAL 1

**pillory** ▶ CRITICIZE 2

**pilot** ▶ TEST 9, 10  
*suicide bomber/pilot/killer* ▶ DIE 4

**piloting** ▶ TEST 9

**pimple** ▶ MARK 3

**pin** ▶ ATTACH 1  
*you could hear a pin drop* ▶ QUIET 1

**pin sth on** ▶ GUILTY 4

**pin your hopes on** ▶ HOPE 1

**pinch** ▶ LITTLE 3; PRESS 1  
*nick/pinch* ▶ STEAL 1  
*take sth with a pinch of salt* ▶ BELIEVE 3

**pinning**  
*be pinning (away) for* ▶ ALONE 5

**pinpoint** ▶ FIND OUT 4

**pioneer** ▶ FIRST 5

**pioneering** ▶ FIRST 5; NEW 5

**pious** ▶ RELIGION 5

**pipe-dream** ▶ HOPE 5

**pipeline**  
*be in the pipeline* ▶ PLAN 8

**piping hot** ▶ HOT 2

**pirate** ▶ COPY 5

**piss**  
*take the piss* ▶ MAKE FUN OF 1

**piss sb off** ▶ ANGRY 7

**pissed** ▶ DRUNK 1  
*be pissed off* ▶ FED UP 1

**pissed off** ▶ ANGRY 1

**pit** ▶ HOLE 2

**pit yourself against** ▶ COMPETE WITH 2

**pitch** ▶ SPORT/GAME 7; THROW 1, 2, 5  
*be at/reach fever pitch* ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 1

**pitch dark/pitch black** ▶ DARK 1

**pitiful** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 7

**pittance** ▶ LITTLE 5  
*a pittance* ▶ EARN 7

**pity** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 1, 6  
*it's a pity/shame* ▶ UNFORTUNATELY 1  
*more's the pity* ▶ UNFORTUNATELY 1  
*take pity on* ▶ SYMPATHIZE 1

**place** ▶ HOME 1; PLACE 1; POSITION/RANK 7; PUT 1; SIT 4; STUDY 1  
*be in place* ▶ READY/NOT READY 2  
*be in the right place at the right time* ▶ LUCKY 1  
*be in the wrong place at the wrong time* ▶ UNLUCKY 1  
*be/seem/look out of place* ▶ UNSUITABLE 2, 3  
*can't place* ▶ FORGET 2  
*fall into place* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 6  
*first place* ▶ WIN 1  
*in place of* ▶ INSTEAD 1  
*in sb's place/in place of sb* ▶ INSTEAD 2  
*in the first place* ▶ FIRST 3  
*in this place* ▶ HERE/NOT HERE 1  
*its/their place* ▶ PLACE 10  
*no place* ▶ PLACE 11/A/PA  
*put yourself in sb's place* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 2



*replace/take the place of* ▶ REPLACE 5  
*sb's place* ▶ PLACE 7  
*take sb's place/take the place of sb* ▶ REPLACE 1  
*that place* ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 1  
**place name** ▶ NAME 4  
**place of birth** ▶ COME FROM 2  
**place to hide** ▶ HIDE 5  
**places**  
*be going places* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 8  
*change places* ▶ EXCHANGE 1  
**placid** ▶ CALM 2  
**plagiarize** ▶ COPY 3  
**plague** ▶ PROBLEM 8  
**plain** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 1; SIMPLE 5; UGLY 2  
**plain English** ▶ SIMPLE 1  
**plan** ▶ DESIGN 2; PLAN 1, 5  
*go according to plan* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 4  
*have no plans to do sth/not have any plans to do sth* ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 2  
*make plans* ▶ PLAN 5  
**plan ahead** ▶ PLAN 6  
**plan of action/game plan** ▶ PLAN 1  
**plan to do sth** ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 1  
**plane**  
*by car/boat/plane/train* ▶ TRAVEL 3  
**planet**  
*the planet* ▶ WORLD 1  
**planned** ▶ PLAN 9  
**planner** ▶ DESIGN 3; PLAN 4  
**planning**  
*be in the planning stages* ▶ PLAN 8  
*birth control/family planning* ▶ BABY 11  
*forward planning* ▶ PLAN 6  
**plant** ▶ GROW 4; GUILTY 4; PUT 1  
**plant a bomb/explosives etc** ▶ PUT 1  
**plastered**  
*be plastered in/with* ▶ COVER 3  
*smashed/plastered/trashed* ▶ DRUNK 3  
**plate**  
*have a lot on your plate* ▶ PROBLEM 6  
**platitude** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 3  
**platonic** ▶ SEX 13  
**plausible** ▶ BELIEVE 5  
**play** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 2; GAME 3, 5; MUSIC 3; PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 1; PRETEND 4  
*be child's play* ▶ EASY 2  
*be on/be playing* ▶ FILM/MOVIE 1  
*drive on/play on/read on etc* ▶ CONTINUE 1  
**play (against)** ▶ PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 2  
**play a leading part/role** ▶ IMPORTANT 8  
**play a part** ▶ CAUSE 8; EFFECT/AFFECT 3  
**play a part/role** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 1  
**play a trick/joke** ▶ JOKE 2  
**play by ear** ▶ MUSIC 3  
**play down/downplay** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 6  
**play fair** ▶ FAIR 1

**play for money** ▶ GAMBLING 1  
**play for time** ▶ DELAY 3  
**play hardball** ▶ DETERMINED 1  
**play it by ear** ▶ PLAN 11  
**play on** ▶ USE 5  
**play on sb's sympathy** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 8  
**play safe** ▶ CAREFUL 2  
**play the lead** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 5  
**play truant** ▶ GO 3  
**play up** ▶ EMPHASIZE 1  
**play with** ▶ HOLD 4  
**play with fire** ▶ DANGEROUS 4  
**play your cards close to your chest** ▶ SECRET 6  
**play/play it** ▶ DEAL WITH 4  
**player** ▶ GAME 4; MUSIC 4; PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 3; SPORT/GAME 5; TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 8  
**playful** ▶ JOKE 6  
**playing**  
*be playing with fire* ▶ RISK 4  
**playing at**  
*what is sb playing at?* ▶ DO/NOT DO 5  
**plc** ▶ COMPANY 5  
**plea** ▶ ASK 17  
**plead** ▶ ASK 11  
**plead not guilty** ▶ INNOCENT 2  
**pleasant** ▶ NICE 1, 2  
**please** ▶ HAPPY 5  
**please accept my apologies** ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 2  
**please be seated** ▶ SIT 5  
**pleased** ▶ HAPPY 2; SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 1  
*be glad/happy/pleased to do sth* ▶ WILLING 1  
**pleased with yourself** ▶ PROUD 2  
**pleased/good/nice to meet you** ▶ HELLO 2  
**pleasurable** ▶ ENJOY 3  
**pleasure** ▶ ENJOY 3, 7; HAPPY 7  
*my pleasure/not at all* ▶ THANK 5  
*take pleasure in* ▶ ENJOY 2  
**pledge** ▶ PROMISE 1, 2  
**plentiful** ▶ LOT 4  
**plenty** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 4; LOT 4  
**pliable** ▶ BEND 4  
**plight** ▶ SITUATION 2; SUFFER 3  
**plod**  
*trudge/plod* ▶ WALK 4  
**plonk** ▶ PUT 3  
**plop** ▶ SOUND 14  
**plot** ▶ PLAN 2, 7; STORY 4  
*lose the plot* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 9  
**plough** ▶ DIG 1  
**plough into** ▶ HIT 3  
**plough through** ▶ READ 5  
**ploy** ▶ WAY 5  
**plug** ▶ ADVERTISING 1  
*pull the plug on* ▶ STOP 16  
**plug/plug up** ▶ SHUT 6  
**plummet** ▶ FALL 4  
**plummet/plunge** ▶ LESS 5  
**plump** ▶ FAT 1, 4  
**plump for** ▶ CHOOSE 2  
**plunge** ▶ DOWN 4; FALL 4; PUSH 4  
*plummet/plunge* ▶ LESS 5  
*take the plunge* ▶ RISK 3  
**plunge sth into** ▶ CAUSE 6

**plunged**  
*be plunged into darkness* ▶ DARK 2  
**plus** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 4; MORE 2  
*a plus* ▶ ADVANTAGE 1  
**pluses**  
*the pluses and minuses* ▶ ADVANTAGE 3  
**plush** ▶ EXPENSIVE 3  
**pocket** ▶ SMALL 1  
*have sb in your pocket* ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 2  
**pocket money** ▶ MONEY 7  
**podgy/pudgy** ▶ FAT 4  
**poignant** ▶ FEEL 10  
**point** ▶ DETAIL 1; END 4; LEVEL 1; MEANING 2; PLACE 2; POINT AT 1; PURPOSE 1; SAY 11; SCORE 3; SPORT/GAME 9; SUBJECT 2  
*at one point* ▶ ONCE 1; PAST 5  
*at that point* ▶ THEN 2, 3  
*at what point* ▶ WHEN 4  
*be a case in point* ▶ EXAMPLE 3  
*drive the point home/drive home the point* ▶ EMPHASIZE 1  
*get/come to the point* ▶ SUBJECT 6  
*good points/bad points* ▶ CHARACTER 2, 6  
*labour/belabour the point* ▶ TALK 7; EMPHASIZE 2  
*make a point of* ▶ DELIBERATELY 1  
*miss the point* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 9  
*moment/point* ▶ TIME 3  
*moot point* ▶ UNCERTAIN 4  
*starting point* ▶ BEGINNING 1  
*stick to the point* ▶ SUBJECT 6  
*that's beside the point* ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 7  
*the high point* ▶ BEST 3; EXCITED/EXCITING 5  
*the main/key points* ▶ MAIN 3  
*there's no point/what's the point* ▶ FAIL 4; USELESS 4  
*to some extent/to a certain extent/up to a point* ▶ PARTLY 1  
*to the point* ▶ SUBJECT 6  
**point of view** ▶ OPINION 2  
**point out** ▶ ATTENTION 7; POINT AT 1; SAY 1; SHOW 2  
**point the finger at** ▶ ACCUSE 1  
**point to** ▶ SHOW 2, 9  
**point up** ▶ EMPHASIZE 1  
**point-blank** ▶ NEAR 6  
**pointed** ▶ SHARP 1  
**pointedly** ▶ DELIBERATELY 1  
**pointless** ▶ FAIL 4; PURPOSE 5; USELESS 3  
**poise** ▶ GRACEFUL 2  
**poison** ▶ KILL 1; SPOIL 3  
**poisonous** ▶ DANGEROUS 1; HARM 4  
**poke** ▶ PUSH 3  
**poke fun at** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 1  
**poke out** ▶ STICK OUT 1, 4  
**poke/stick your nose into** ▶ INTERFERE 1  
**poker-faced** ▶ EXPRESSION ON SB'S FACE 3  
**poky/pokey** ▶ SMALL 5  
**poles apart**  
*worlds apart/poles apart* ▶ DIFFERENT 2



**police**

*be helping police with their inquiries*

► ASK 4

**police state** ► GOVERNMENT 4

**policy** ► PLAN 1

**polish** ► CLEAN 5

**polish off** ► DRINK 3; EAT 6

**polished** ► SHINE/SHINY 4

**polite** ► POLITE 1, 2

*impolite/not polite* ► RUDE 1

**politeness** ► POLITE 4

**political** ► POLITICS 1

**politician** ► POLITICS 2

**politics** ► POLITICS 1

**poll** ► ASK 2; VOTE 6

**polling** ► VOTE 3

**polls** ► VOTE 3

*go to the polls* ► VOTE 1

**pollute** ► DIRTY 5

**polluted** ► DIRTY 3

**pollution** ► DIRTY 6; ENVIRONMENT 5

**poltergeist** ► GHOST 1

**pompous** ► PROUD 3

**pong** ► SMELL 3

**pool** ► AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 4;  
LIQUID 2; SHARE 1

**pool/swimming pool** ► SPORT/  
GAME 7

**pooped**

*beat/pooped/bushed* ► TIRED/  
TIRING 1

**poor** ► GROW 7; POOR 1;  
SYMPATHIZE 7

*weak/poor* ► BAD AT DOING STH 1

**poor people/the poor/the needy**  
► POOR 4

**poor quality** ► BAD 2

**poor/bad** ► BRIGHT 4

**poorly** ► ILL/SICK 1

**pop** ► FATHER 1; PUT 3  
*nip/pop out* ► LEAVE 5

**pop in** ► VISIT 2

**pop the question** ► MARRY 3

**popular** ► LOT 9; POPULAR 1

**popularize** ► POPULAR 3

**populated** ► LIVE 6

*be populated by* ► LIVE 1

**population** ► COUNTRY 4; LIVE 5;  
PERSON/PEOPLE 3

**pore over** ► READ 4

**pornographic** ► SEX 16

**pornography** ► SEX 16

**porous** ► HOLE 6

**portable** ► CARRY 4

**portion** ► FOOD 5; PART 1; SHARE 5

**portly** ► FAT 1

**portrait** ► PICTURE 1

**portray/represent** ► DESCRIBE 2

**portrayal** ► DESCRIBE 3

**pose a threat** ► DANGEROUS 2

**pose as** ► PRETEND 2

**poser** ► SHOW OFF 2

**posh** ► CLASS 5; EXPENSIVE 3

**position** ► JOB 2; OPINION 5;  
PLACE 2; POSITION/RANK 1, 7;  
PUT 1, 12; SITUATION 2

*be in a difficult/awkward position*  
► PROBLEM 7

*be in a strong position/a position of  
strength* ► ADVANTAGE 5

*be in an impossible position*

► PROBLEM 7

**position to do sth**

*be in a position to do sth* ► CAN/  
CAN'T 1, 3

*not be in a position to do sth/be in no  
position to do sth* ► CAN/CAN'T 6, 8

**positive** ► SURE/NOT SURE 1

**positively** ► COMPLETELY 1

**possess** ► HAVE/NOT HAVE 1, 4;  
OWN 1

**possession**

*have sth in your possession* ► HAVE/  
NOT HAVE 2

**possessions** ► OWN 4

**possessive** ► JEALOUS 1

**possibility** ► CHANCE 4;  
POSSIBLE 1, 2

*be a strong possibility* ► PROBABLY 1  
*little chance/hope/possibility/prospect*  
► PROBABLY 9

*there is a chance/possibility*  
► POSSIBLE 2

**possible** ► POSSIBLE 1, 2

*be not possible* ► IMPOSSIBLE 2

*it is not possible for sb to do sth*  
► CAN/CAN'T 7

*it is possible (that)/there's a chance  
(that)* ► MAYBE 1

*it is possible for sb to do sth* ► CAN/  
CAN'T 2

*make it possible* ► CAN/CAN'T 5

*make sth possible* ► POSSIBLE 3

*not possible* ► IMPOSSIBLE 1

**possibly** ► MAYBE 1

*can't possibly* ► IMPOSSIBLE 1

**post** ► JOB 2; LETTER 1; PUT 12;  
SEND 1

*put sth in the post* ► SEND 1

**post-mortem** ► EXAMINE 4

**post-secondary** ► SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 5

**posted**

*be posted* ► SEND 3

**poster** ► PICTURE 1; SIGN 1

**postgraduate** ► SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 5; STUDY 5

**posthumous** ► DEAD 1

**postpone** ► LATER 2

**pot**

*kitty/pot* ► MONEY 13

**pot belly** ► FAT 5

**potato**

*couch potato* ► LAZY 2; TELEVISION/  
RADIO 9

*hot potato* ► DIFFICULT 5

**potent**

*powerful/potent* ► EFFECTIVE/NOT  
EFFECTIVE 2

**potential** ► FUTURE 6; GOOD AT 5;  
POSSIBLE 2

*have potential* ► SUCCEED/  
SUCCESSFUL 9

**pothole** ► HOLE 2

**potshot**

*take a potshot at* ► SHOOT 1

**pounce** ► ATTACK 2

**pound** ► SQUASH 1

**pour** ► FLOW 1; POUR 1

**pour cold water on** ► SPOIL 2

**pour in/flood in** ► ENTER 7

**pour money into** ► PAY 11

**pour out your heart/soul** ► TELL 8

**pour/flood in** ► GET 4

**pouring**

*it's pouring* ► WEATHER 9

**poverty** ► POOR 5

**poverty-stricken** ► POOR 1

**POW**

*prisoner of war/POW* ► PRISON 7

**powder your nose** ► TOILET 2

**power** ► CAN/CAN'T 4; COUNTRY 1;  
POWER/POWERFUL 1; STRONG 3

*be in power* ► GOVERNMENT 7

*be in sb's power* ► CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 8

*come to power* ► POWER/  
POWERFUL 5

*have sb in your power* ► CONTROL/  
NOT CONTROL 3

*have the power to do sth* ► CAN/  
CAN'T 3

*in power* ► POWER/POWERFUL 4

*not have the power to do sth/it is not in  
your power to do sth* ► CAN/  
CAN'T 8

*seize power* ► POWER/  
POWERFUL 5

*take power* ► POWER/POWERFUL 5

*world power* ► POWER/  
POWERFUL 3

**power-hungry/power-mad**

► AMBITIOUS 1

**powerful** ► POWER/POWERFUL 2;  
SMELL 6; STRONG 1, 6

**powerful/potent** ► EFFECTIVE/NOT  
EFFECTIVE 2

**powerless** ► CAN/CAN'T 8; POWER/  
POWERFUL 6

**powers** ► CAN/CAN'T 4

*be at the height of your powers*  
► BEST 4

*the powers that be* ► GOVERNMENT 1;  
MANAGER 4

**powers of observation** ► NOTICE/  
NOT NOTICE 3

**practical** ► TEST 1; USEFUL 1

**practical joke** ► JOKE 2

**practical joker** ► JOKE 4

**practical/realistic** ► SENSIBLE 2

**practical/realistic/pragmatic**  
► SENSIBLE 1

**practically/virtually**

► ALMOST 2, 3, 4

**practice** ► PRACTISE/PRACTICE 2

*be out of practice* ► PRACTISE/  
PRACTICE 3

*in practice* ► ACTUALLY 1

*put sth into practice* ► DO/NOT DO 2

*sharp practice* ► DISHONEST 4

*standard practice* ► USUALLY 4

**practise** ► PRACTISE/PRACTICE 1;  
WORK 7

**practised** ► EXPERIENCED/NOT  
EXPERIENCED 1

**practising** ► RELIGION 5

**pragmatic** ► SENSIBLE 2  
*practical/realistic/pragmatic*  
► SENSIBLE 1

**praise** ► PRAISE 1, 5

*be full of praise for* ► PRAISE 2

*heap/lavish praise on* ► PRAISE 2

**praises**

*sing sb's praises* ► PRAISE 2

**praiseworthy** ► PRAISE 8

**prank** ► JOKE 2

**pray** ► PRAY 1

**prayer** ► PRAY 1, 2

*be at prayer* ► PRAY 1

**prayers** ► PRAY 3



**pre-** ▶ BEFORE 1  
**pre-emptive** ▶ STOP 31  
**preachy** ▶ GOOD 15  
**preamble** ▶ BEGINNING 7  
**precarious** ▶ BALANCE 5; RISK 2  
**precautions**  
*take precautions* ▶ CAREFUL 2  
**precede** ▶ BEFORE 7  
*come before/precede* ▶ BEFORE 5  
**precedence**  
*take precedence over* ▶ IMPORTANT 3  
**preceding** ▶ BEFORE 5, 6  
**precinct** ▶ AREA 2; SHOP/STORE 4  
**precious** ▶ VALUE 2  
**precipitate** ▶ CAUSE 3  
**precis** ▶ SUMMARIZE 2  
**precise** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 1  
*exact/precise location* ▶ PLACE 2  
**precisely** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 3, 6  
**preclude** ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 4  
**precondition** ▶ CONDITION 7  
**precursor** ▶ BEFORE 4  
**predate** ▶ BEFORE 7  
**predecessor** ▶ BEFORE 4  
**predestined** ▶ CERTAINLY/  
 DEFINITELY 6  
**predict** ▶ PREDICT 1  
**predictable** ▶ EXPECT 7; PREDICT 4  
**predicted** ▶ PREDICT 3  
**prediction** ▶ PREDICT 3  
**predominant** ▶ MAIN 1  
**predominantly** ▶ MOST 5  
**predominate** ▶ MOST 5  
**preface** ▶ BEGINNING 7;  
 INTRODUCE 1  
**preface/foreword** ▶ INTRODUCE 2  
**prefer** ▶ PREFER 1, 2  
*would prefer to do sth* ▶ PREFER 2  
**prefer your own company**  
 ▶ ALONE 3  
**preferable** ▶ PREFER 3  
**preferably** ▶ PREFER 3  
**preference** ▶ FAVOURITE 1  
*have a preference* ▶ PREFER 1  
*in preference to* ▶ INSTEAD 1  
**preferential treatment** ▶ UNFAIR 4  
**preferred** ▶ FAVOURITE 1; PREFER 3  
**pregnancy** ▶ BABY 9  
*terminate a pregnancy* ▶ BABY 10  
**pregnant** ▶ BABY 7  
**prejudice** ▶ PREJUDICED 2; UNFAIR 2  
*racism/racial prejudice*  
 ▶ PREJUDICED 2  
**prejudiced** ▶ PREJUDICED 1  
**preliminary** ▶ BEGINNING 3  
**prelude**  
*be a prelude to sth* ▶ BEFORE 7  
**premature** ▶ EARLY 2  
**premeditated** ▶ DELIBERATELY 2  
**premiere** ▶ FIRST 4  
**premise** ▶ IDEA 3  
**premonition**  
*have a premonition* ▶ PREDICT 2  
**prenatal** ▶ BABY 8  
**preoccupation** ▶ OBSESSION 1  
**preoccupied** ▶ ATTENTION 3;  
 WORRIED/WORRYING 4  
*be preoccupied* ▶ THINK 2  
**preparation** ▶ PREPARE 6  
*in preparation for* ▶ PREPARE 1  
**preparations** ▶ PREPARE 6  
*make preparations* ▶ PREPARE 1

**prepare** ▶ COOK 1; PREPARE 1, 2, 4  
**prepare yourself** ▶ PREPARE 3  
**prepared** ▶ READY/NOT READY 1  
*be prepared* ▶ PREPARE 3  
**prepared to**  
*be prepared to do sth* ▶ WILLING 1  
*not be prepared to do sth* ▶ REFUSE 1  
**preponderance**  
*a preponderance of* ▶ MOST 5  
**preposterous** ▶ BELIEVE 6  
**prerequisite** ▶ CONDITION 7  
**prerogative** ▶ RIGHT 11  
**preschool** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 2  
**presence**  
*in sb's presence* ▶ WITH/  
 TOGETHER 1  
**presence of mind** ▶ CALM 1  
**present** ▶ GIVE 3, 4; NOW 4;  
 PERFORM/PERFORMANCE 4;  
 SHOW 1; SUGGEST 2; TELEVISION/  
 RADIO 7  
*at present/at the present time*  
 ▶ NOW 1  
*be present* ▶ HERE/NOT HERE 2;  
 THERE/NOT THERE 2, 3  
*for the present* ▶ NOW 5  
**present a problem/difficulty**  
 ▶ PROBLEM 8  
**present day**  
*up to the present day/until the present*  
*day* ▶ NOW 3  
**present-day**  
*modern-day/present-day* ▶ NOW 4  
**presentable** ▶ WELL-DRESSED 1  
*make yourself presentable* ▶ WELL-  
 DRESSED 2  
**presentation** ▶ TALK 18  
**presenter** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 8  
**presently**  
*at the moment/presently* ▶ NOW 1  
**preserve** ▶ CONTINUE 4; KEEP 5  
**preside over** ▶ IN CHARGE OF 3  
**president** ▶ LEADER 1; MANAGER 2  
*vice president* ▶ MANAGER 2  
**press** ▶ PRESS 1, 2; PUSH 5;  
 SQUASH 1  
*be hot off the press* ▶ NEW 1  
*get a good press* ▶ PRAISE 3  
*push/press* ▶ PUSH 6  
*push/press a button* ▶ SWITCH ON  
 OR OFF 1, 2  
*the press* ▶ NEWS 6;  
 NEWSPAPERS 1  
**press charges** ▶ ACCUSE 2  
**press for/push for** ▶ ASK 11  
**press on** ▶ CONTINUE 3  
**pressed for time**  
*be pressed/pushed for time*  
 ▶ TIME 20, HURRY 5  
**pressure**  
*be under (a lot of) pressure* ▶ BUSY/  
 NOT BUSY 1  
*put pressure on* ▶ FORCE SB TO DO  
 STH 1; PERSUADE 3  
**pressurize** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 1  
**prestige** ▶ REPUTATION 1, 2  
**prestigious** ▶ REPUTATION 2  
**presumably** ▶ THINK 11  
**presume** ▶ THINK 11  
**pretence** ▶ PRETEND 7  
**pretences**  
*under false pretences* ▶ TRICK/  
 DECEIVE 7

**pretend** ▶ PRETEND 1, 2, 4  
**pretend not to notice/see**  
 ▶ IGNORE 2  
**pretentious** ▶ SHOW OFF 3  
**pretext** ▶ REASON 1  
**prettily** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 8  
**pretty** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1, 4, 5, 6; FAIRLY/  
 QUITE 1  
**pretty much**  
*more or less/just about/pretty much*  
 ▶ ALMOST 2, 3, 4  
**prevail** ▶ WIN 2  
**prevalent** ▶ COMMON 2  
**prevent** ▶ STOP 24  
**prevent/stop** ▶ STOP 25  
**preventable** ▶ STOP 32  
**preventive/preventative**  
 ▶ STOP 31  
**previous** ▶ BEFORE 4, 5, 6  
**previously** ▶ BEFORE 3  
**prey on your mind** ▶ WORRIED/  
 WORRYING 2  
**price** ▶ COST 1, 3  
*be a high price to pay* ▶ HAVE/NOT  
 HAVE 10  
*be low in price* ▶ CHEAP 1  
**price sth out of the market**  
 ▶ EXPENSIVE 4  
**priced at**  
*be priced at* ▶ COST 2  
**priceless** ▶ VALUE 2  
**prices**  
*at rockbottom prices* ▶ CHEAP 5  
*inflated prices* ▶ EXPENSIVE 4  
**pricey** ▶ EXPENSIVE 1  
**prick** ▶ HOLE 7  
**prickly** ▶ SHARP 1  
**pride** ▶ PROUD 5, 7  
*sb's pride and joy* ▶ PROUD 1  
*take pride in* ▶ PROUD 1  
*the pride of sth* ▶ PROUD 1  
**pride yourself on** ▶ PROUD 1  
**primarily/principally** ▶ MAIN 4  
**primary** ▶ MAIN 1  
**primary school** ▶ SCHOOL/  
 UNIVERSITY 3  
**prime** ▶ MAIN 1  
*be cut off/down in your prime*  
 ▶ DIE 3  
**prime minister** ▶ LEADER 1  
**primitive** ▶ SIMPLE 2  
**principal**  
*chief/principal* ▶ MAIN 1  
**principally**  
*primarily/principally* ▶ MAIN 4  
**principles** ▶ GOOD 14  
*first principles* ▶ BASIC 3  
**print** ▶ WRITE 1, 3  
*paw print* ▶ MARK 4  
*the small print* ▶ DETAIL 3  
**print/print out** ▶ WRITE 3  
**prints**  
*fingerprints/prints* ▶ MARK 4  
**prior** ▶ BEFORE 1  
*have a previous/prior engagement*  
 ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 8  
**prior to** ▶ BEFORE 1  
**priority** ▶ IMPORTANT 3  
**prise open** ▶ OPEN 1  
**prison** ▶ PRISON 1  
*be in prison/jail* ▶ PRISON 4  
*put sb in prison/jail* ▶ PRISON 2



**prisoner** ▶ KEEP 10; PRISON 6, 7  
*be a prisoner* ▶ ESCAPE 7  
*hold sb prisoner/captive/hostage*  
 ▶ KEEP 9  
*take sb prisoner* ▶ CATCH 4

**prisoner of war/POW** ▶ PRISON 7

**privacy** ▶ PRIVATE 4

**private** ▶ PRIVATE 1, 2, 4, 5, 7  
*in private* ▶ PRIVATE 4; SECRET 5

**private enterprise/free enterprise**  
 ▶ PRIVATE 7

**private investigator/private detective** ▶ FIND OUT 11

**private sector**  
*the private sector* ▶ PRIVATE 7

**private/personal** ▶ PRIVATE 3

**privately**  
*in private/privately* ▶ SECRET 5

**privatize** ▶ PRIVATE 8

**privilege** ▶ ADVANTAGE 4; RIGHT 11

**privileged** ▶ CLASS 5

**privy to**  
*be privy to* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 8

**prize** ▶ WIN 9

**pro** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 1

**pro-** ▶ SUPPORT 1

**probability** ▶ PROBABLY 7  
*in all probability* ▶ PROBABLY 2

**probable** ▶ PROBABLY 1

**probably** ▶ PROBABLY 1  
*very probably* ▶ PROBABLY 2

**probe** ▶ FIND OUT 7

**problem** ▶ FAULT 1; PROBLEM 1, 2  
*cause/create/pose a problem*  
 ▶ PROBLEM 8  
*do you have a problem with that?*  
 ▶ PROBLEM 14  
*have a drink problem* ▶ DRUNK 6  
*have a problem* ▶ PROBLEM 6  
*no problem* ▶ THANK 5; YES 2, 3  
*present a problem/difficulty*  
 ▶ PROBLEM 8  
*the trouble/problem is*  
 ▶ PROBLEM 13  
*what's the problem* ▶ PROBLEM 14

**problem child** ▶ DIFFICULT 7

**problematic** ▶ PROBLEM 5

**problems**  
*cause/create problems*  
 ▶ PROBLEM 10  
*fraught with problems/difficulties*  
 ▶ PROBLEM 5  
*run into problems/difficulties*  
 ▶ PROBLEM 6  
*teething troubles/pains/problems*  
 ▶ PROBLEM 1

**procedure** ▶ WAY 2

**proceed** ▶ CONTINUE 2

**proceed to do sth** ▶ START 1

**proceedings** ▶ HAPPEN 8

**proceeds** ▶ PROFIT 1

**process** ▶ DEAL WITH 1

**processed** ▶ ARTIFICIAL 1

**procession** ▶ LINE 10

**procrastinate** ▶ DELAY 3; LATER 2

**prod** ▶ PUSH 3

**produce** ▶ MAKE 1, 3; SHOW 1

**producer** ▶ MAKE 6

**product** ▶ MAKE 8; SELL 7  
*be the product of* ▶ RESULT 4

**production** ▶ MAKE 7; PERFORM/PERFORMANCE 6

**productive** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 3; LOT 12

**profession** ▶ JOB 1  
*the medical profession* ▶ DOCTOR 1

**professional** ▶ JOB 3, 9; PAY 16

**professor** ▶ TEACH 5

**proficient** ▶ GOOD AT 1

**profile** ▶ DESCRIBE 3; SHAPE 1  
*keep a low profile* ▶ ATTENTION 9

**profit** ▶ PROFIT 1  
*make a profit* ▶ PROFIT 3

**profit from** ▶ PROFIT 7

**profitable** ▶ PROFIT 5

**profiteering** ▶ PROFIT 7

**profound** ▶ INTELLIGENT 9

**prognosis** ▶ PREDICT 3

**program/computer program**  
 ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 2

**programme** ▶ LIST 4; PLAN 1, 3; TELEVISION/RADIO 4

**programmer/computer programmer** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 3

**progress** ▶ CONTINUE 2; PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 1, 4; SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 5  
*be in progress* ▶ HAPPEN 5  
*make no progress* ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 3  
*make progress* ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 1; SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 1

**progression** ▶ DEVELOP 3

**progressive** ▶ MODERN 3

**prohibit** ▶ FORBID 1

**prohibited**  
*be prohibited/not be permitted*  
 ▶ FORBID 2

**prohibitive/prohibitively expensive**  
 ▶ EXPENSIVE 4

**project** ▶ STICK OUT 1; WORK 11

**project yourself** ▶ EXPRESS 2

**projected** ▶ PREDICT 3

**proliferate** ▶ INCREASE 3

**prolific** ▶ LOT 12

**prologue** ▶ BEGINNING 7; INTRODUCE 2

**prolong** ▶ LONG 12

**prolonged** ▶ LONG 7

**prom** ▶ DANCE 4

**prominent** ▶ IMPORTANT 4; STICK OUT 2  
*figure prominently in/be prominent in*  
 ▶ IMPORTANT 8

**promiscuous** ▶ SEX 6

**promise** ▶ PROMISE 1, 2  
*break a promise* ▶ PROMISE 5  
*I promise* ▶ PROMISE 3  
*keep your promise/word*  
 ▶ PROMISE 4  
*promising/shows promise* ▶ GOOD AT 5

**promise to be** ▶ PROBABLY 3

**promising** ▶ HOPE 6; SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 9

**promising/shows promise** ▶ GOOD AT 5

**promote** ▶ ADVERTISING 1; HELP 3; JOB 8

**promotion** ▶ ADVERTISING 2; JOB 8

**prompt** ▶ FAST 3; REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 2

**prompt sb to do sth** ▶ CAUSE 2

**promptly/punctually** ▶ ON TIME 1

**prone to sth** ▶ ILL/SICK 3

**pronounce** ▶ SAY 1

**pronunciation** ▶ SPEAK 5

**proof** ▶ PROVE 3  
*living proof* ▶ PROVE 3

**prop** ▶ PUT 8; SUPPORT 9

**prop up** ▶ SUPPORT 7

**prop yourself up** ▶ SUPPORT 8

**propaganda** ▶ LIE 4; PERSUADE 5

**propel**  
*catapult/propel* ▶ THROW 5

**proper** ▶ REAL 2; SUITABLE 1

**proper noun** ▶ NAME 4

**properly** ▶ RIGHT 4

**property** ▶ CHARACTER 6; OWN 4  
*be the property of* ▶ OWN 2

**prophecy** ▶ PREDICT 3

**prophecy** ▶ PREDICT 1

**proportion** ▶ AMOUNT 3; PART 2  
*blow sth (up) out of all proportion*  
 ▶ EXAGGERATE 1  
*in proportion to* ▶ COMPARE 2  
*keep sth in proportion* ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 5

**proposal** ▶ SUGGEST 4

**propose** ▶ MARRY 3; SUGGEST 2, 3  
*I propose (that)* ▶ SUGGEST 5

**proposition** ▶ SUGGEST 4

**proprietor** ▶ OWN 3; SELL 4

**pros and cons**  
*the pros and cons* ▶ ADVANTAGE 3

**prosecute** ▶ ACCUSE 2; COURT/TRIAL 4

**prosecution**  
*the prosecution* ▶ ACCUSE 5; COURT/TRIAL 3

**prosecutor** ▶ ACCUSE 5

**prospect** ▶ FUTURE 4; PROBABLY 7  
*little chance/hope/possibility/prospect*  
 ▶ PROBABLY 9

**prospective** ▶ FUTURE 6

**prospects** ▶ CHANCE 4

**prosper** ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 7

**prosperous** ▶ RICH 1

**prostitute** ▶ SEX 14

**prostitution** ▶ SEX 14

**protect** ▶ PROTECT 1

**protection** ▶ PROTECT 4

**protective** ▶ PROTECT 4, 5

**protector** ▶ PROTECT 4

**protest** ▶ COMPLAIN 1, 4; PROTEST 1, 2; SAY 3

**protest your innocence**  
 ▶ INNOCENT 2

**protester** ▶ PROTEST 3  
*peace protester/demonstrator*  
 ▶ PEACE 4

**protocol** ▶ RULE/REGULATION 2

**prototype** ▶ FIRST 6

**protracted** ▶ LONG 8

**protrude** ▶ STICK OUT 1

**protruding** ▶ STICK OUT 2

**proud** ▶ PROUD 1

**prove** ▶ PROVE 1

**prove sb guilty** ▶ GUILTY 5

**proverb** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 3

**provide** ▶ PROVIDE/SUPPLY 1

**provide an explanation/come up with an explanation** ▶ REASON 6



**provide for** ▶ PAY 10; PROVIDE/  
SUPPLY 2

**provided**  
*as long as/provided (that)/providing  
(that)* ▶ IF 3

**provider** ▶ PROVIDE/SUPPLY 4

**providing**  
*as long as/provided (that)/providing  
(that)* ▶ IF 3

**provisional** ▶ TEMPORARY 1

**proviso** ▶ CONDITION 8

**provocative** ▶ SEXY 2

**provoke** ▶ ANGRY 8; CAUSE 7

**prowl** ▶ WALK 10

**proximity** ▶ NEAR 5

**prude** ▶ OFFEND 3

**prune** ▶ CUT 6

**pry** ▶ FIND OUT 6

**PS** ▶ LETTER 3

**pseudonym** ▶ NAME 3

**psych out** ▶ NERVOUS 6

**psych yourself up** ▶ PREPARE 3

**psyche** ▶ MIND 1

**psychiatric hospital** ▶ HOSPITAL 2

**psychiatrist** ▶ DOCTOR 2

**psychic** ▶ PREDICT 6

**psychological** ▶ MIND 2

**psychologist** ▶ DOCTOR 2

**psychopath** ▶ KILL 6; VIOLENT 2

**psychotherapist**  
*analyst/therapist/psychotherapist*  
▶ DOCTOR 2

**public** ▶ PUBLIC 1, 2, 3  
*in public* ▶ PUBLIC 3  
*make sth public* ▶ TELL 11  
*the general public* ▶ NORMAL/  
ORDINARY 3  
*the public* ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 2

**public eye**  
*be in the public eye* ▶ FAMOUS 2

**public opinion/popular opinion**  
▶ OPINION 4

**public speaking** ▶ TALK 18

**publicity** ▶ ADVERTISING 2

**publicize** ▶ ADVERTISING 1; TELL 4

**publicly** ▶ PUBLIC 3

**publish** ▶ BOOKS 8; SELL 8

**pudgy**  
*podgy/pudgy* ▶ FAT 4

**puff** ▶ BREATHE 6

**puff on** ▶ SMOKING 1

**puke** ▶ SICK/VOMIT 1

**pull** ▶ HURT/INJURE 2; PULL 1, 3

**pull ahead** ▶ FAST 7

**pull away** ▶ BACK 2

**pull in** ▶ ARRIVE 2; STOP 11

**pull no punches/not pull any  
punches** ▶ HONEST 4

**pull off/bring off/carry off**  
▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 2

**pull out** ▶ LEAVE 4, 12; REMOVE 1;  
TAKE 10

**pull out all the stops** ▶ TRY 3

**pull over** ▶ STOP 11, 13

**pull sb up** ▶ TELL SB OFF 1

**pull sb's leg** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 1  
*be pulling sb's leg* ▶ JOKE 5

**pull sth tight** ▶ TIGHT 4

**pull the other one** ▶ BELIEVE 4

**pull the plug on** ▶ STOP 16

**pull the strings**

*be pulling the strings* ▶ CONTROL/  
NOT CONTROL 2

**pull the wool over sb's eyes**

▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 1

**pull through** ▶ SURVIVE 1

**pull together** ▶ UNITE 2

**pull up** ▶ STOP 11

**pull your weight**

*not pull your weight* ▶ WORK HARD 8

**pull yourself together** ▶ CONTROL/  
NOT CONTROL 13

**pull/drop out** ▶ TAKE PART/BE  
INVOLVED 9

**pull/get your finger out** ▶ WORK  
HARD 7

**pull/push the door to** ▶ SHUT 1

**pulse**  
*have your finger on the pulse*  
▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 5

**pump sb for** ▶ ASK 3

**pump up** ▶ AIR 4

**pumped**  
*be pumped (up)* ▶ EXCITED/  
EXCITING 1

**pun** ▶ JOKE 1

**punch** ▶ HIT 1; HOLE 8

*throw a punch* ▶ HIT 1

**punch line** ▶ JOKE 1

**punch out** ▶ HIT 7

**punch-up** ▶ FIGHT 4

**punches**  
*pull no punches/not pull any punches*  
▶ HONEST 4

**punctual** ▶ ON TIME 2

**punctually**  
*promptly/punctually* ▶ ON TIME 1

**puncture** ▶ HOLE 5, 8

**pundit** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 4

**pungent** ▶ SMELL 6

**punish** ▶ PUNISH 1

**punished**  
*be punished* ▶ PUNISH 6  
**punishing** ▶ DIFFICULT 3  
**punishment** ▶ PUNISH 4  
*be a glutton for punishment*  
▶ SUFFER 5  
*capital punishment* ▶ KILL 7  
*corporal punishment* ▶ HIT 5

**punitive** ▶ PUNISH 1

**puny** ▶ WEAK 1

**pupil** ▶ STUDY 5

**puppet** ▶ USE 21

**purchase** ▶ BUY 1

**pure** ▶ CLEAN 2; NATURAL 2; PURE 1

**purely** ▶ ONLY 3

**purge** ▶ GET RID OF 3

**purify** ▶ PURE 2

**purpose** ▶ PURPOSE 1  
*on purpose* ▶ DELIBERATELY 1

**purposefully** ▶ DETERMINED 1

**pursue** ▶ CONTINUE 1; FOLLOW 3

**pursuit**  
*in pursuit* ▶ FOLLOW 3

**pursuits** ▶ DO/NOT DO 8

**push** ▶ ADVERTISING 1; FORCE SB TO  
DO STH 1; PUSH 1, 2, 5; SELL 2  
*drive/push yourself too hard*  
▶ WORK HARD 3

*give sth/sb a push* ▶ PUSH 1

*pull/push the door to* ▶ SHUT 1

*try/think/push etc too hard* ▶ TOO/  
TOO MUCH 3

**push back**

*be pushed/moved/put back* ▶ LATER 2

**push for**

*press for/push for* ▶ ASK 11

**push in/cut in** ▶ WAIT 5

**push sb around** ▶ TELL 23

**push sb over** ▶ FALL 6

**push up/drive up/force up**  
▶ INCREASE 6

**push your luck** ▶ RISK 4

**push yourself** ▶ WORK HARD 1

**push/kick/slide etc sth shut**  
▶ SHUT 1

**push/press** ▶ PUSH 6

**push/press a button** ▶ SWITCH ON  
OR OFF 1, 2

**pushed for time**  
*be pressed/pushed for time* ▶ TIME 20;  
HURRY 5

**pusher/dealer** ▶ SELL 6

**pusher/drug pusher** ▶ DRUG 7

**pushing**  
*be pushing 40/50 etc* ▶ ALMOST 1;  
AGE 3  
*be pushing up daisies* ▶ DEAD 1

**pushover**  
*be a pushover* ▶ EASY 2;  
PERSUADE 10

**pushy** ▶ PERSUADE 9

**put** ▶ PUT 1, 5, 12; WRITE 1

**put a damper on** ▶ SPOIL 4

**put a lot of effort into sth** ▶ WORK  
HARD 1

**put a stop to** ▶ STOP 20

**put an end to** ▶ STOP 16

**put away/by**  
*have sth put by/put away* ▶ SAVE 2

**put back** ▶ PUT 2  
*be pushed/moved/put back* ▶ LATER 2

**put down** ▶ CRITICIZE 4; DOWN 6;  
STOP 21

*I couldn't put it down*  
▶ INTERESTING 2  
*put \$100/£100 etc down on* ▶ PAY 7  
*put sb's name down/put sb down*  
▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 4

**put down/put to sleep** ▶ KILL 11

**put forward** ▶ SUGGEST 2

**put in** ▶ PUT 11, 13; SPEND MONEY/  
TIME 11  
*make an appearance/put in an  
appearance* ▶ GO 1

**put in a good word for** ▶ PRAISE 1

**put in for** ▶ ASK 13

**put it** ▶ SAY 1

**put it like this/put it this way**  
▶ EXPLAIN 2

**put it on**  
*be putting it on* ▶ PRETEND 1

**put money into** ▶ MONEY 15; PAY 11

**put off** ▶ LATER 2; PERSUADE 11

**put on** ▶ CLOTHES 7; PERFORM/  
PERFORMANCE 4; PRETEND 6; PUT 7;  
SWITCH ON OR OFF 1  
*put £10/\$20 on* ▶ GAMBLING 1

**put on a brave face/put up a brave  
front** ▶ HIDE 7

**put on weight** ▶ FAT 6

**put one over on** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 1

**put out** ▶ BURN 4; FIRE 5; OFFEND 2;  
SMOKING 6; STICK OUT 4; SWITCH  
ON OR OFF 2



**put past**  
*I wouldn't put it past sb*  
▶ PROBABLY 6

**put pressure on** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO  
STH 1; PERSUADE 3

**put right** ▶ SOLVE 1

**put sb off** ▶ ATTENTION 9; DISLIKE 4;  
DISTURB 1

**put sb out** ▶ PROBLEM 12

**put sb up** ▶ STAY 8

**put sb up to** ▶ PERSUADE 1

**put sth at** ▶ GUESS 1

**put sth behind you** ▶ FORGET 4

**put sth by** ▶ KEEP 2

**put sth down to** ▶ CAUSE 9;  
RESULT 5

**put sth in/into** ▶ COMPUTERS/  
INTERNET/EMAIL 6

**put sth on** ▶ ADD 2; COOK 1

**put sth over** ▶ COVER 1

**put sth to use** ▶ USE 2

**put sth to/before** ▶ SUGGEST 2

**put up** ▶ ATTACH 2; BUILD/  
BUILDING 1; INCREASE 6; UP 9

**put up with** ▶ STAND 5; ACCEPT 5

**put-down** ▶ CRITICIZE 5

**put-up job** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 3

**put/run yourself down** ▶ MODEST 2

**puzzle** ▶ CONFUSED 4;  
MYSTERIOUS 3; SOLVE 6

**puzzled** ▶ CONFUSED 2

**puzzling** ▶ CONFUSED 3;  
UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 11

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**quack** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 5

**quadruple** ▶ INCREASE 3  
*double/triple/quadruple*  
▶ INCREASE 6

**quaint** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 8

**qualification** ▶ SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 7

**qualify** ▶ TEST 7

**quality** ▶ CHARACTER 2, 6; GOOD 7  
*good quality/high quality* ▶ GOOD 2  
*of a higher standard/of higher  
quality* ▶ BETTER 1  
*poor quality* ▶ BAD 2

**qualms**  
*have no qualms* ▶ GUILTY 8;  
WORRIED/WORRYING 9  
*have qualms* ▶ WORRIED/  
WORRYING 3

**quandary**  
*be in a quandary* ▶ PROBLEM 7

**quantifiable** ▶ MEASURE 5

**quantify** ▶ MEASURE 1

**quantity** ▶ AMOUNT 1, 2  
*an unknown quantity* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 21

**quarantine**  
*in quarantine* ▶ SEPARATE 6

**quarrel** ▶ ARGUE 1, 4

**quarrelsome**  
*argumentative/quarrelsome*  
▶ ARGUE 6

**quarter** ▶ AREA 2; SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 6

**quarters**  
*at close quarters* ▶ NEAR 7

**queasy**  
*feel queasy/nauseous* ▶ SICK/VOMIT 2

**queen** ▶ LEADER 1

**quell** ▶ STOP 21

**quench your thirst** ▶ DRINK 1

**query** ▶ ASK 7

**question** ▶ ASK 3, 4, 7; SUBJECT 1  
*fire/shoot questions at* ▶ ASK 3  
*leading/loading question* ▶ ASK 7  
*open to question/debate*  
▶ UNCERTAIN 4  
*out of the question* ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 1  
*pop the question* ▶ MARRY 3  
*there's no doubt/there's no question*  
▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 1  
*trick question* ▶ ASK 7

**questionable** ▶ UNCERTAIN 4  
*dubious/questionable*  
▶ DISHONEST 3

**questionnaire** ▶ ASK 8

**queue** ▶ LINE 10, 11; WAIT 5  
*be in the queue* ▶ WAIT 5  
*jump the queue* ▶ WAIT 5

**queue (up)** ▶ WAIT 5

**queue up** ▶ LINE 11

**quibble** ▶ ARGUE 2

**quick** ▶ FAST 1, 3; HURRY 4;  
INTELLIGENT 3; SHORT 10  
*be quick on the uptake*  
▶ INTELLIGENT 3

**quick-tempered**  
*short-tempered/quick-tempered*  
▶ ANGRY 13

**quick-witted** ▶ INTELLIGENT 3

**quicken your pace** ▶ FAST 5

**quickly** ▶ FAST 3; SOON 1  
*go fast/quickly* ▶ TIME 23

**quiet** ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 6, 7;  
PEACEFUL 1; QUIET 1, 3, 4; TALK 13  
*be quiet* ▶ QUIET 7; TALK 15  
*go quiet* ▶ QUIET 5; TALK 14  
*keep quiet* ▶ SECRET 4; TELL 13  
*keep silent/quiet about* ▶ TALK 16  
*on the quiet* ▶ SECRET 5

**quiet down** ▶ TALK 15

**quieten sb down** ▶ QUIET 6

**quieter**  
*get quieter* ▶ QUIET 5

**quirk** ▶ CHARACTER 2

**quit** ▶ LEAVE 22; STOP 1, 2, 3, 5

**quite** ▶ FAIRLY/QUITE 1; VERY 1  
*not quite* ▶ ALMOST 1, 3, 4; NOT 1

**quite a bit** ▶ LOT 14

**quite a bit/a fair amount** ▶ LOT 1, 10

**quite a few** ▶ LOT 2

**quite a/some** ▶ UNUSUAL 2

**quiver** ▶ SHAKE 2

**quiz** ▶ ASK 3; TEST 1

**quota** ▶ AMOUNT 4

**quotation** ▶ COST 3; REPEAT 3;  
WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 3

**quote** ▶ REPEAT 3

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**R.S.V.P.**  
*RSVP/R.S.V.P.* ▶ ANSWER 2

**rabbit on**  
*witter on/rabbit on* ▶ TALK 8

**race** ▶ COMPETE WITH 1, 3; RACE 1;  
SPORT/GAME 4  
*a race against time* ▶ HURRY 5  
*work/race against the clock* ▶ HURRY 5

**race/tear** ▶ FAST 4

**racial** ▶ RACE 2

**racism** ▶ RACE 3

**racism/racial prejudice**  
▶ PREJUDICED 2

**racist** ▶ PREJUDICED 1, 3; RACE 3, 4

**rack and ruin**  
*go to rack and ruin* ▶ CONDITION 6

**rack your brains** ▶ REMEMBER 2

**racket** ▶ CHEAT 5; LOUD 3

**radiant** ▶ HAPPY 3

**radiate** ▶ SEND 4

**radio** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 2

**raft**  
*a raft of* ▶ LOT 2

**rage** ▶ ANGRY 14  
*be all the rage* ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
FASHIONABLE 2

**ragged** ▶ TEAR 4

**rags**  
*go from rags to riches* ▶ RICH 5

**raid** ▶ ATTACK 3, 6; LOOK FOR 5, 7;  
STEAL 7

**rain** ▶ WEATHER 9, 9  
*acid rain* ▶ ENVIRONMENT 5  
*I'll take a rain check* ▶ REJECT 1

**rain or shine** ▶ WEATHER 14

**raining**  
*it's raining* ▶ WEATHER 9

**rainy**  
*the rainy season/the Monsoon*  
▶ WEATHER 9  
*wet/rainy* ▶ WEATHER 9

**raise** ▶ GROW 3; INCREASE 6, 14;  
LIFT 1, 2; MENTION 2; UP 9  
*bring up/raise* ▶ LOOK AFTER 2  
*sound/raise the alarm* ▶ WARN 1

**raise a laugh** ▶ LAUGH 5

**raise doubts** ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 5

**raise hopes** ▶ HOPE 6

**raise objections** ▶ AGAINST/  
OPPOSE 4

**raise your voice** ▶ SHOUT 1

**raise/arouse expectations**  
▶ EXPECT 4

**raise/lift sb's spirits** ▶ HAPPY 5

**raised** ▶ HIGH 5

**rake**  
*drag up/rake up* ▶ REMIND/MAKE  
SB REMEMBER 4

**rake it in** ▶ EARN 4

**rally** ▶ UNITE 4

**ram** ▶ HIT 3; PUSH 4

**ram/slam into** ▶ HIT 3

**ramble** ▶ SUBJECT 7; TALK 8

**ramifications** ▶ RESULT 3

**rampant** ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 10

**ramshackle** ▶ CONDITION 3

**random** ▶ CHANCE 3  
*at random* ▶ CHANCE 3

**range** ▶ DISTANCE 2  
*a range of sth* ▶ VARIOUS/OF  
DIFFERENT KINDS 5  
*at long range* ▶ FAR 2  
*out of range* ▶ FAR 4  
*within range* ▶ NEAR 6

**range from sth to** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT  
INCLUDE 1

**rank** ▶ POSITION/RANK 1, 8

**rank and file**  
*the rank and file* ▶ NORMAL/  
ORDINARY 3



**ranking** ▶ POSITION/RANK 7  
*high-ranking/top ranking*  
 ▶ POSITION/RANK 4

**ranks**  
*close ranks* ▶ UNITE 2

**ransack** ▶ LOOK FOR 5

**ransom**  
*hold sb to ransom* ▶ THREATEN 1

**rap** ▶ HIT 8  
*take the rap* ▶ BLAME 2; PUNISH 6

**rap/rapping** ▶ SOUND 6

**rape** ▶ SEX 15

**rapid** ▶ FAST 3, 8

**rapping**  
*rap/rapping* ▶ SOUND 6

**rapport** ▶ RELATIONSHIP 1

**rare** ▶ RARE/RARELY 1, 2; UNUSUAL 2

**rarely/seldom** ▶ RARE/RARELY 3

**raring**  
*be raring to go* ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/  
 UNENTHUSIASTIC 1

**rarity**  
*be/become a rarity* ▶ RARE/RARELY 1

**rash** ▶ CARELESS 5

**rash of sth** ▶ LOT 5

**rat**  
*smell a rat* ▶ SUSPECT 1

**rat on** ▶ TELL 9

**rat race** ▶ COMPETE WITH 3

**rate** ▶ AMOUNT 3, 6; COST 1; SPEED 1  
*at an alarming rate* ▶ FAST 3  
*second rate/third rate* ▶ BAD 3

**rather** ▶ FAIRLY/QUITE 1  
*I'd rather die* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 9  
*I'd rather not* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 9  
*would rather do sth* ▶ PREFER 2

**rather than** ▶ INSTEAD 1

**ratify** ▶ ACCEPT 6

**ratio** ▶ AMOUNT 3

**rational** ▶ LOGICAL 1, 2;  
 SENSIBLE 1, 2

**rationale** ▶ REASON 2

**rationalize** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT  
 EFFICIENT 4; REDUCE 4

**rattle** ▶ SHAKE 1; SOUND 6

**raucous** ▶ LOUD 1

**raunchy** ▶ SEX 16

**ravaged**  
*be ravaged by* ▶ DESTROY 1

**rave**  
*get rave reviews* ▶ PRAISE 3

**rave about** ▶ PRAISE 2

**ravenous**  
*starving/ravenous/famished*  
 ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 1

**ravishing** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1

**raw** ▶ COOK 3; NATURAL 1

**ray** ▶ LIGHT 1

**ray of hope**  
*a glimmer of hope/a ray of hope*  
 ▶ HOPE 6

**razor-sharp** ▶ SHARP 1

**re** ▶ ABOUT 1

**re-elect** ▶ VOTE 2

**reach** ▶ ARRIVE 1; CONTACT 3;  
 REACH 1, 2, 3, 4; TOTAL 2  
*out of reach* ▶ FAR 4; IMPOSSIBLE 3  
*within reach* ▶ NEAR 3, 6

**reach agreement/come to an  
 agreement** ▶ AGREE 3

**reach for** ▶ TAKE 12

**react** ▶ BEHAVE 1; REACT 1

**reaction** ▶ REACT 3  
*chain reaction* ▶ RESULT 6  
*knee-jerk reaction* ▶ THINK 6

**reactionary** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
 CHANGE 29

**reactions** ▶ REACT 4

**read** ▶ MEASURE 1; READ 1; STUDY 1;  
 UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 5  
*be a good read* ▶ READ 13  
*can read* ▶ READ 9  
*can't read sth* ▶ READ 12  
*cannot/can't read* ▶ READ 10

**read aloud/read out loud** ▶ READ 1

**read between the lines**  
 ▶ MEANING 6

**read into** ▶ MEANING 6

**read out** ▶ READ 1

**read sb the riot act** ▶ TELL SB OFF 2

**read through/over** ▶ READ 4

**read up on** ▶ READ 6

**readable** ▶ READ 13

**reader** ▶ READ 8  
*good/competent reader* ▶ READ 9  
*slow reader* ▶ READ 10  
*voracious/avid reader* ▶ READ 7

**readership** ▶ READ 8

**readily** ▶ WILLING 2

**readiness**  
*in readiness* ▶ READY/NOT  
 READY 1, 2

**reading** ▶ MEANING 7; MEASURE 2  
*make interesting reading* ▶ READ 13  
*take a reading* ▶ MEASURE 1  
*worth reading* ▶ READ 13

**ready** ▶ READY/NOT READY 1, 2  
*at the ready* ▶ READY/NOT READY 2  
*be ready to do sth* ▶ WILLING 1  
*be ready to go* ▶ READY/NOT READY 1  
*do sth when you are good and ready*  
 ▶ READY/NOT READY 1  
*get ready* ▶ PREPARE 1, 3  
*get sth ready* ▶ PREPARE 2  
*not ready* ▶ READY/NOT READY 4, 5  
*rough and ready* ▶ SIMPLE 1

**ready to drop**  
*be dead on your feet/be ready to drop*  
 ▶ TIRED/TIRING 1

**real** ▶ REAL 1, 2, 3, 5; VERY 1  
*get real* ▶ SENSIBLE 3  
*in real life* ▶ ACTUALLY 2  
*in the real world* ▶ ACTUALLY 2  
*the real McCoy* ▶ REAL 1  
*the real thing* ▶ REAL 1

**real live** ▶ REAL 5

**realism** ▶ REAL 7

**realistic** ▶ REAL 7  
*practical/realistic* ▶ SENSIBLE 2  
*practical/realistic/pragmatic*  
 ▶ SENSIBLE 1

**reality**  
*in reality/the reality is* ▶ ACTUALLY 1

**realize** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 1;  
 REALIZE 1  
*not know/not realize/have no idea*  
 ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 14

**realized**  
*be realized* ▶ HAPPEN 2

**really** ▶ ACTUALLY 1; LOT 14;  
 REAL 3, 4; TRUE 6; VERY 1  
*not really* ▶ NO 1

**really/actually** ▶ ACTUALLY 2

**really/seriously** ▶ SERIOUS 5

**realm** ▶ AREA 9

**reappear** ▶ APPEAR 1

**rear**  
*at the rear* ▶ BACK 6  
*at/to the rear* ▶ BEHIND 1  
*bring up the rear* ▶ LAST 2  
*the rear* ▶ BACK 4

**rearm** ▶ WEAPON 4

**rearrange** ▶ ARRANGE 1

**reason** ▶ CAUSE 10; REASON 1, 2  
*be no reason* ▶ REASON 8  
*be the reason* ▶ REASON 4  
*get sb to see reason* ▶ SENSIBLE 4  
*give a reason* ▶ REASON 6  
*good cause/reason* ▶ RIGHT 7  
*see reason* ▶ SENSIBLE 3  
*the reason... is* ▶ BECAUSE 1  
*within reason* ▶ SENSIBLE 2  
*without good reason* ▶ WRONG 5

**reasonable** ▶ CHEAP 4; FAIR 1; GOOD  
 ENOUGH 1; LOGICAL 1; RIGHT 6;  
 SENSIBLE 1, 2

**reasonably** ▶ FAIRLY/QUITE 1

**reasoned** ▶ LOGICAL 1

**reasoning** ▶ LOGICAL 3

**reasons**  
*be sb's reasons* ▶ REASON 7  
*have reasons* ▶ REASON 7

**reassure** ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB FEEL  
 BETTER 1; WORRIED/WORRYING 10

**reassuring** ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB  
 FEEL BETTER 2

**rebate** ▶ PAY 6

**rebel** ▶ DISOBEY 1, 3; REBELLION/  
 REVOLUTION 3, 4

**rebellion** ▶ REBELLION/  
 REVOLUTION 1; WAR 1

**rebellious** ▶ DISOBEY 3

**reboot** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
 EMAIL 5

**rebound** ▶ HIT 9

**rebuff** ▶ REJECT 5

**rebuke** ▶ TELL SB OFF 1

**recall** ▶ REMEMBER 1, 8; SELL 10

**recant** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 25

**recap** ▶ REPEAT 4

**recap/give (sb) a recap**  
 ▶ SUMMARIZE 1

**recapture** ▶ CATCH 4

**recede** ▶ LESS 6

**receipt**  
*on/upon receipt of* ▶ GET 4

**receive** ▶ GET 2, 4

**receive/get** ▶ VOTE 6

**recent** ▶ NEW 1; RECENTLY 3  
*in recent weeks/months etc*  
 ▶ RECENTLY 2

**recently** ▶ RECENTLY 1, 2

**reception** ▶ MARRY 7; PARTY 2

**recess** ▶ PAUSE 4

**recession** ▶ FAIL 9

**recipe** ▶ COOK 7; INSTRUCTIONS 1

**reciprocal** ▶ EACH OTHER 1

**reciprocate** ▶ REACT 2

**reckless** ▶ CARELESS 2

**reckon** ▶ THINK 8

**reckon on**  
*figure on/reckon on* ▶ EXPECT 3

**reckon with**  
*have sb/sth to reckon with* ▶ DEAL  
 WITH 5

**reclaim** ▶ GET 11

**recline** ▶ LIE 2

**recluse** ▶ ALONE 3



**recognition** ▶ PRAISE 5  
*beyond recognition* ▶ RECOGNIZE 3  
*in recognition of sth* ▶ THANK 2  
**recognizable** ▶ RECOGNIZE 2  
**recognize** ▶ ACCEPT 7; RECOGNIZE 1; THANK 2  
**recognized**  
*be recognized/acknowledged as* ▶ THINK 8  
**recoil** ▶ BACK 2  
**recollect** ▶ REMEMBER 1  
**recollection**  
*have a hazy/vague recollection* ▶ REMEMBER 3  
*have no recollection of* ▶ FORGET 1  
**recommend** ▶ ADVISE 1; SUGGEST 1, 2, 3  
**recommendation** ▶ ADVISE 5; SUGGEST 4  
**reconciliation** ▶ ARGUE 7  
**reconditioned** ▶ REPAIR 2  
**record** ▶ INFORMATION 2, 3; MEASURE 1; PAST 2; RECORD 1, 2  
*have a criminal record* ▶ CRIME 5  
*keep a record/keep records* ▶ KEEP 6; RECORD 1  
*off the record* ▶ OFFICIAL 3  
*on (the) record* ▶ OFFICIAL 1  
*put/place sth on record* ▶ RECORD 1  
*set the record straight* ▶ RIGHT 5  
**record-breaking** ▶ BEST 1  
**recoup** ▶ GET 11  
**recover** ▶ GET 11; RECOVER 1, 4  
**recovered**  
*be fully recovered* ▶ RECOVER 3  
**recovery**  
*make a complete/full/good/slow recovery* ▶ RECOVER 1  
**recreation** ▶ ENJOY 9  
**recriminations** ▶ BLAME 6  
**recruit** ▶ JOB 7; JOIN 10  
**rectangular**  
*be round/square/rectangular etc* ▶ SHAPE 2  
**recuperate** ▶ RECOVER 2  
**recur** ▶ HAPPEN 6  
**recurrent/recurring** ▶ AGAIN 5  
**recurring**  
*recurrent/recurring* ▶ AGAIN 5  
**recycle** ▶ USE 11  
**recycling** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 3  
**red**  
*be in the red* ▶ OWE 1  
*blush/turn red* ▶ EMBARRASSED/ EMBARRASSING 4  
**red herring** ▶ CONNECTED WITH/ RELATED 7  
**red rag**  
*be like a red rag to a bull* ▶ ANGRY 7  
**red tape** ▶ COMPLICATED 2  
**red-handed**  
*catch sb red-handed/catch sb in the act* ▶ CATCH 3  
**redecorate** ▶ PAINT 3  
**redeeming feature** ▶ ADVANTAGE 2; GOOD ENOUGH 3  
**redirect** ▶ SEND 2  
**redistribute** ▶ SHARE 3  
**redo** ▶ AGAIN 2; REPEAT 1  
**redress the balance** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 5  
**reduce** ▶ REDUCE 1, 2, 3

**reduce sb to** ▶ CAUSE 5  
**reduce sb to tears** ▶ CRY 4  
**reduce speed** ▶ SLOW 4  
**reduce sth to rubble/ashes etc** ▶ DESTROY 1  
**reduce/cut** ▶ CHEAP 6  
**reduced** ▶ CHEAP 7  
**reduction** ▶ LESS 5; REDUCE 7  
**redundancy** ▶ LEAVE 23  
**redundant**  
*make sb redundant* ▶ LEAVE 23  
**reek** ▶ SMELL 5  
**refer to** ▶ MENTION 1  
**referee** ▶ JUDGE 2  
**referee/umpire** ▶ SPORT/GAME 8  
**reference** ▶ MENTION 3  
**reference book** ▶ BOOKS 5  
**referendum** ▶ VOTE 3  
**refill** ▶ FULL 4  
**refine** ▶ IMPROVE 3; PURE 2  
**reflect** ▶ REFLECT 1, 2; SHOW 8  
**reflect badly on** ▶ SHOW 11  
**reflect well on** ▶ SHOW 10  
**reflection** ▶ PICTURE 4; REFLECT 3  
*be a reflection on* ▶ SHOW 11  
**reflective** ▶ REFLECT 4  
**reflex** ▶ THINK 6  
**reflexes** ▶ REACT 4  
**reform** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 9, 17  
**reformed** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 4  
*a reformed character* ▶ BEHAVE 4  
**refrain** ▶ DO/NOT DO 14  
**refresh sb's memory** ▶ REMIND/ MAKE SB REMEMBER 2  
**refreshments** ▶ FOOD 1; MEAL 10  
**refrigerate** ▶ COLD 8  
**refuge** ▶ SAFE 3  
*give sb shelter/refuge* ▶ PROTECT 2  
**refugee** ▶ ENTER 6  
**refund**  
*give sb their money back/give sb a refund* ▶ PAY 6  
**refusal** ▶ REFUSE 1  
**refuse** ▶ REFUSE 1, 3; REJECT 1, 2; RUBBISH/GARBAGE 1  
**refuse entry** ▶ ENTER 9  
**refute** ▶ PROVE 2  
**regain** ▶ GET 11  
**regain consciousness** ▶ CONSCIOUS 2  
**regain control** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 9  
**regard**  
*with regard to* ▶ ABOUT 1  
**regard/see** ▶ THINK 8  
**regarded**  
*highly regarded/respected* ▶ ADMIRE 1  
**regarding**  
*concerning/regarding* ▶ ABOUT 1  
**regardless** ▶ NO MATTER WHAT/ HOW MUCH ETC 1  
**regards** ▶ LETTER 3  
*give my love/regards to* ▶ HELLO 3  
*send your regards* ▶ HELLO 3  
**regime** ▶ GOVERNMENT 1  
**region** ▶ AREA 1  
*something/somewhere in the region of* ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 2  
**register** ▶ LIST 2; RECORD 1, 2; SHOW 3, 13

**regret** ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 1, 3, 6  
*not regret* ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 5  
*sb will live to regret it* ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 4  
*with regret* ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 7  
**regretfully** ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 7  
**regrets**  
*have no regrets* ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 5  
**regrettable** ▶ UNFORTUNATELY 2  
**regrettably** ▶ UNFORTUNATELY 1  
**regular** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 1; REGULAR/REGULARLY 1; SHAPE 5  
*at regular intervals* ▶ REGULAR/ REGULARLY 3  
**regularity**  
*with great regularity* ▶ OFTEN 2  
**regularly** ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 1  
**regulate** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 11  
**regulation** ▶ RULE/REGULATION 1  
**regulations**  
*rules and regulations* ▶ RULE/ REGULATION 1  
**regurgitate** ▶ SICK/VOMIT 1  
**rehab**  
*be in rehab* ▶ DRUG 6  
**rehearsal** ▶ PRACTISE/PRACTICE 2  
**rehearse** ▶ PRACTISE/PRACTICE 1  
**reign** ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 4  
**reimburse** ▶ PAY 6  
**rein**  
*give sb free rein/give sb a free hand* ▶ LET/ALLOW 6  
*keep a tight rein on* ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 3  
**reinforce** ▶ STRONG 5  
**reinforced** ▶ STRONG 4  
**reintroduce** ▶ START 17  
**reiterate** ▶ REPEAT 2  
**reject** ▶ REJECT 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
**rekindle/revive interest** ▶ INTERESTED 3  
**relapse** ▶ WORSE 5  
**relate to** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 8  
**related**  
*be connected/be related* ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 1  
*be related* ▶ FAMILY 4  
*not connected/not related* ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 6  
**relation**  
*bear no relation to* ▶ DIFFERENT 2  
*relative/relation* ▶ FAMILY 3  
**relations** ▶ RELATIONSHIP 1  
*sever links/connections/relations/ties* ▶ SEPARATE 8  
*sexual relations* ▶ SEX 4  
**relationship** ▶ CONNECTED WITH/ RELATED 3; RELATIONSHIP 1, 5  
*have a good relationship* ▶ RELATIONSHIP 2  
*have a relationship* ▶ RELATIONSHIP 4  
**relative** ▶ COMPARE 2  
**relative/relation** ▶ FAMILY 3  
**relax** ▶ CALM 5; RELAX/RELAXED 1, 2; REST 1; STRICT/NOT STRICT 6  
**relaxation** ▶ REST 2  
**relaxed** ▶ CALM 2; RELAX/RELAXED 3  
**relaxing** ▶ RELAX/RELAXED 2; REST 3  
**relay** ▶ TELL 7



**release** ▶ FREE 9; HOLD 9; MOVE/NOT MOVE 9; SELL 8  
**relegate** ▶ IMPORTANT 9  
**relent** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 7  
**relevant** ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 4  
**reliable** ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 3; TRUST/NOT TRUST 2, 5  
**reliant on**  
    *be dependent on/be reliant on*  
        ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 2  
**relic** ▶ REMAIN 4  
**relief** ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB FEEL BETTER 3; WORRIED/WORRYING 9  
**relieve** ▶ REDUCE 2; REPLACE 2  
**relieve sb of their duties/post**  
    ▶ LEAVE 23  
**relieve the boredom/monotony**  
    ▶ BORING/BORED 7  
**relieved** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 9  
**religion** ▶ RELIGION 1  
**religious** ▶ RELIGION 4, 5  
**religiously** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 5  
**relinquish** ▶ GIVE 7  
**relish** ▶ ENJOY 2  
**relive** ▶ REMEMBER 4  
**relocate** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 7  
**reluctant** ▶ WILLING 3  
**reluctantly** ▶ WILLING 4  
**rely on**  
    *can rely/depend on sth* ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 2, 5  
    *can't rely on* ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 6  
    *depend on/rely on* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 2  
**remain** ▶ CONTINUE 11, 12; REMAIN 1; STAY 1, 2  
    *it remains to be seen* ▶ PREDICT 5  
**remainder**  
    *the remainder* ▶ REMAIN 3  
**remaining** ▶ REMAIN 2  
**remains** ▶ BODY 4  
    *the remains of sth* ▶ REMAIN 3  
    *what is left of sth/what remains of sth*  
        ▶ REMAIN 3  
**remark** ▶ SAY 1, 11  
**remarkable** ▶ UNUSUAL 2  
**remarkably/exceptionally** ▶ VERY 2  
**remarry** ▶ MARRY 1  
**remedy** ▶ CURE 2; SOLVE 1, 2  
**remember** ▶ REMEMBER 1, 6  
    *distinctly remember* ▶ REMEMBER 4  
    *don't remember/can't remember*  
        ▶ FORGET 1  
    *for as long as you can remember*  
        ▶ ALWAYS 5  
    *try to remember* ▶ REMEMBER 2  
    *vaguely remember* ▶ REMEMBER 3  
**remember sth as if it were yesterday** ▶ REMEMBER 4  
**remember sth well/vividly**  
    ▶ REMEMBER 4  
**remind** ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 1  
**remind sb of** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 3; REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 3  
**reminder** ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 1  
    *be a reminder* ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 3  
**reminisce** ▶ REMEMBER 1  
**reminiscent of**  
    *be reminiscent of* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 3

**remnants** ▶ REMAIN 3  
**remorse** ▶ GUILTY 7  
**remorseless** ▶ STOP 23  
**remote** ▶ FAR 3; PROBABLY 8  
**remotely**  
    *not remotely* ▶ NOT 2  
**removal** ▶ REMOVE 6  
**remove** ▶ REMOVE 1, 2, 3; TAKE 10  
**remover** ▶ REMOVE 7  
**rename** ▶ NAME 6  
**render** ▶ CAUSE 6  
**renege on** ▶ PROMISE 5  
**renew** ▶ CONTINUE 8; REPLACE 6  
**renewable** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 3  
**renovate** ▶ REPAIR 2  
**renown** ▶ FAMOUS 4  
**renowned** ▶ FAMOUS 1  
**rent** ▶ BORROW 3; COST 1  
**rent boy** ▶ SEX 14  
**rent out** ▶ LEND 2  
**rental** ▶ COST 1  
**reopen** ▶ CONTINUE 8  
    *open/reopen old wounds* ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 4  
**reorganization** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 17  
**reorganize** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 9  
**repair** ▶ REPAIR 1  
    *be beyond repair* ▶ REPAIR 4  
**repairs** ▶ REPAIR 3  
**repatriate** ▶ LEAVE 18  
**repay** ▶ PAY 6  
**repeat** ▶ AGAIN 2; REPEAT 1, 2, 3  
    *repetition/repeat* ▶ HAPPEN 6  
    *rerun/repeat* ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 5  
    *would you mind repeating that?*  
        ▶ REPEAT 6  
**repeat itself** ▶ HAPPEN 6  
**repeat performance** ▶ HAPPEN 6  
**repeat yourself** ▶ REPEAT 2  
**repeated** ▶ AGAIN 5; OFTEN 4  
**repeatedly** ▶ OFTEN 1  
**repercussions** ▶ RESULT 3  
**repetition** ▶ REPEAT 2  
**repetition/repeat** ▶ HAPPEN 6  
**repetitive** ▶ BORING/BORED 1  
**rephrase**  
    *let me rephrase that* ▶ EXPLAIN 2  
**replace** ▶ NEW 4; REPLACE 1, 4, 6  
**replace/take the place of**  
    ▶ REPLACE 5  
**replacement** ▶ REPLACE 3  
**replay** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 5  
**replenish** ▶ FULL 4  
**replica** ▶ COPY 4  
**reply** ▶ ANSWER 1, 2, 5, 6  
    *answer/reply in the affirmative*  
        ▶ YES 1  
    *answer/reply in the negative* ▶ NO 2  
    *in reply (to)/in answer to/in response to* ▶ ANSWER 1  
    *in response/answer/reply to sth*  
        ▶ ANSWER 2  
    *make no reply/response/answer*  
        ▶ ANSWER 7  
    *no answer/reply/response*  
        ▶ ANSWER 7  
**report** ▶ DESCRIBE 3; NEWS 3, 4; TELL 3, 4, 9  
**report to** ▶ MANAGER 1; POSITION/RANK 6  
**reporter** ▶ NEWS 6; NEWSPAPERS 3

**reports** ▶ RUMOUR 1  
**represent** ▶ BE 1; MEANING 3; REPRESENT 1  
    *account for/represent* ▶ BE 3  
    *portray/represent* ▶ DESCRIBE 2  
**representative** ▶ REPRESENT 2; TYPICAL 1  
**repress** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 4; HIDE 7  
**repressed** ▶ HIDE 9  
**reprieve** ▶ PUNISH 3  
**reprimand** ▶ TELL SB OFF 1, 3  
**reprisal** ▶ REVENGE 2  
**reproach**  
    *be above/beyond reproach* ▶ GOOD 9  
**reproach yourself** ▶ BLAME 1  
**reproduce** ▶ BABY 14; COPY 1  
**reproduction** ▶ BABY 14; COPY 4  
**republic** ▶ GOVERNMENT 5  
**repulsive** ▶ UGLY 1  
**reputable** ▶ HONEST 1; REPUTATION 2  
**reputation** ▶ REPUTATION 1  
    *harm/damage sb's reputation*  
        ▶ REPUTATION 3; SPOIL 5  
**request** ▶ ASK 13, 17  
**require** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 1, 6  
**required** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 3  
    *be required to do sth* ▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 2  
**requirement** ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 5  
**requirements** ▶ CONDITION 8  
    *meet requirements* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 7  
**rerun/repeat** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 5  
**rescue** ▶ SAVE 4, 5, 6  
**rescue/come to the rescue**  
    ▶ SAVE 4, 5, 7  
**research** ▶ STUDY 3, 4  
    *do/conduct research* ▶ STUDY 3  
**resemblance** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 10  
**resemble/bear a resemblance to**  
    ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 1  
**resentful** ▶ ANGRY 4  
**resentment** ▶ ANGRY 14  
**reservation** ▶ ARRANGE 4  
**reservations**  
    *have reservations* ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 4  
**reserve** ▶ KEEP 7  
    *keep sth in reserve* ▶ SAVE 8  
**reserve/book** ▶ ARRANGE 4  
**reserved** ▶ SHOW 16; SHY 2  
**reserves** ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 4  
**reside** ▶ LIVE 1  
**residence** ▶ HOME 1  
    *take up residence* ▶ LIVE 2  
**residency** ▶ LOOK AFTER 2  
**resident** ▶ LIVE 5  
**residential area** ▶ LIVE 6  
**resign** ▶ LEAVE 22  
**resign yourself to/be resigned to**  
    ▶ ACCEPT 5  
**resignation**  
    *hand in your notice/resignation*  
        ▶ LEAVE 22  
**resilient** ▶ STRONG 2  
**resist** ▶ FIGHT 8  
    *can't resist* ▶ LIKE 3  
**resistance** ▶ FIGHT 8  
    *pièce de résistance* ▶ BEST 3  
**resit** ▶ TEST 3



**resolute** ▶ DETERMINED 6  
**resolve** ▶ DECIDE 1; DETERMINED 5; SOLVE 1  
*break sb's spirit/resolve/will etc*  
 ▶ DESTROY 4  
**resolve itself** ▶ SOLVE 3  
**resolved**  
*be resolved* ▶ DETERMINED 1  
**resonant** ▶ VOICE 4  
**resonate** ▶ SOUND 15  
**resort** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6  
**resound** ▶ SOUND 15  
**resourceful** ▶ INTELLIGENT 5  
**resources** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 4; MONEY 6  
**respect** ▶ ADMIRE 1, 4; OBEY 2  
**respectable** ▶ GOOD 8  
**respected**  
*highly regarded/respected*  
 ▶ ADMIRE 1  
**respectful** ▶ POLITE 1  
**respite** ▶ PAUSE 3  
**respond** ▶ ANSWER 1; REACT 1  
**response** ▶ ANSWER 5, 6; REACT 3  
*in response/answer/reply to sth*  
 ▶ ANSWER 1, 2  
*make no reply/response/answer*  
 ▶ ANSWER 7  
*no answer/reply/response*  
 ▶ ANSWER 7  
**responsibility** ▶ RESPONSIBLE 2  
*assume responsibility for*  
 ▶ RESPONSIBLE 3  
*be responsible for/have responsibility for* ▶ RESPONSIBLE 1  
**responsible** ▶ GUILTY 1; SENSIBLE 1; TRUST/NOT TRUST 2  
*be responsible* ▶ CAUSE 1; FAULT 3  
*be responsible for/have responsibility for* ▶ RESPONSIBLE 1  
*feel responsible* ▶ GUILTY 6  
*hold sb responsible* ▶ BLAME 1  
*make sb responsible for*  
 ▶ RESPONSIBLE 4  
**respray** ▶ PAINT 3  
**rest** ▶ PUT 8; REST 1, 2; SUPPORT 8  
*take a rest* ▶ REST 1  
*the rest* ▶ REMAIN 3  
**rest with** ▶ DECIDE 4  
**restful** ▶ PEACEFUL 1; REST 3  
**restless night** ▶ SLEEP 6  
**restore** ▶ GIVE 11; REPAIR 2; START 17  
**restrain** ▶ STOP 13, 24  
**restrain yourself** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 13  
**restraints** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 7  
**restrict** ▶ LIMIT 4  
**restricted**  
*be limited/restricted to* ▶ ONLY 5  
*be restricted* ▶ LIMIT 3  
**restriction** ▶ RULE/REGULATION 1  
**restrictions** ▶ LIMIT 3  
**restroom/washroom** ▶ TOILET 1  
**restructure** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 9  
**result** ▶ ANSWER 8; RESULT 1, 2; SCORE 3  
*as a result of* ▶ BECAUSE 1; RESULT 4  
*as a result/consequently* ▶ SO/ THEREFORE 1  
*be a result of/result from* ▶ RESULT 4  
*end result* ▶ RESULT 2  
*indirect result* ▶ RESULT 3

*net result/effect* ▶ RESULT 2  
*so that/with the result that* ▶ SO/ THEREFORE 1  
**result in sth** ▶ CAUSE 1  
**resulting/consequent** ▶ RESULT 4  
**results** ▶ GRADE 1  
*get results* ▶ SUCCEED/ SUCCESSFUL 1  
**resume** ▶ CONTINUE 8  
**resurrect** ▶ START 17  
**retail outlet** ▶ SHOP/STORE 1  
**retailer** ▶ SELL 5  
**retain** ▶ KEEP 1, 3, 4  
**retake** ▶ AGAIN 2; REPEAT 1  
**retake/take sth again** ▶ TEST 3  
**retaliate** ▶ ATTACK 4  
**retaliation**  
*in retaliation* ▶ REVENGE 1  
**retch/heave** ▶ SICK/VOMIT 1  
**reticent** ▶ TALK 13  
**retire** ▶ LEAVE 22; SLEEP 4; STOP 8  
**retired** ▶ OLD 5  
**retort** ▶ ANSWER 1, 5  
**retract** ▶ SAY 5  
**retreat** ▶ BACK 2; LEAVE 12  
**retribution** ▶ PUNISH 4  
**retrieve** ▶ GET 11  
**return** ▶ GIVE 11; PROFIT 2; PUT 2; RETURN 1, 4; TAKE 4; VOTE 2  
*in exchange/in return*  
 ▶ EXCHANGE 3  
*sb's return* ▶ RETURN 3  
*send back/return* ▶ SEND 2  
**return a call/phone call/telephone call** ▶ TELEPHONE 3  
**return to** ▶ AGAIN 3; CONTINUE 8, 9  
**return/go back** ▶ RETURN 2  
**return/return ticket** ▶ RETURN 5  
**reunited**  
*be reunited* ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 8  
**reuse** ▶ USE 11  
**reveal** ▶ SHOW 1, 8, 14; TELL 11  
**revel in** ▶ ENJOY 2, 8  
**revenge** ▶ REVENGE 2  
*in revenge* ▶ REVENGE 1  
*take/get revenge* ▶ REVENGE 1  
**reverberate** ▶ SOUND 15  
**revere** ▶ ADMIRE 2  
**reverie** ▶ DREAM 1  
**reversal** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 20  
**reverse** ▶ BACK 3; CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 6; OPPOSITE 1  
*just the opposite/reverse*  
 ▶ OPPOSITE 3  
*the reverse* ▶ OPPOSITE 2  
*the reverse side* ▶ BACK 5  
**reverse the charges**  
 ▶ TELEPHONE 2  
**revert**  
*go back to/revert to* ▶ CONTINUE 10  
**review** ▶ JUDGE 5  
**reviews**  
*get rave reviews* ▶ PRAISE 3  
**revise** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 5, 8; STUDY 2  
**revise your opinion** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 25  
**revision** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 17; STUDY 4  
**revisit** ▶ RETURN 2  
**revival** ▶ POPULAR 4  
**revive** ▶ START 17

**revolt** ▶ HORRIBLE 6; REBELLION/ REVOLUTION 1, 3  
**revolting** ▶ UGLY 3  
*horrible/disgusting/revolting*  
 ▶ HORRIBLE 3  
**revolution** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 16; REBELLION/ REVOLUTION 1; TURN 4  
**revolutionary** ▶ NEW 5; REBELLION/ REVOLUTION 4  
**revolutionize** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 6  
**revolve**  
*rotate/revolve* ▶ TURN 1  
**revolving** ▶ TURN 5  
**revulsion** ▶ HORRIBLE 5  
**reward** ▶ GIVE 4  
**rewarding** ▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 3  
**rewrite** ▶ WRITE 11  
**rewrite history** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 10  
**rhythm** ▶ MUSIC 1  
**ribs**  
*dig sb in the ribs* ▶ PUSH 3  
**rich** ▶ COLOUR 5; FOOD 6; GROW 6; LOT 11; LOW 2; RICH 1; TASTE 7; VOICE 4  
*get rich* ▶ RICH 5  
*stinking/filthy rich* ▶ RICH 2  
*the rich* ▶ RICH 4  
**riches**  
*go from rags to riches* ▶ RICH 5  
**rickety** ▶ CONDITION 4  
**ricochet** ▶ HIT 9  
**rid**  
*be rid of* ▶ GET RID OF 6  
*get rid of* ▶ GET RID OF 1, 2, 3, 4; THROW 6  
**rid sth of** ▶ GET RID OF 5  
**riddle** ▶ MYSTERIOUS 3  
**riddled with holes** ▶ HOLE 6  
**ride** ▶ DRIVE 1; TRAVEL 9  
*go for a ride* ▶ DRIVE 2  
*take sb for a ride* ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 1  
**rider** ▶ DRIVE 4  
**ridiculous/absurd** ▶ STUPID/ SILLY 2  
**ridiculously** ▶ VERY 2  
**riding on**  
*be riding on* ▶ DEPEND/IT DEPENDS 1  
**rife**  
*be rife* ▶ COMMON 2; LOT 13  
**rift** ▶ DISAGREE 3  
*cause a rift between* ▶ ARGUE 8  
**rig** ▶ CHEAT 4  
**rig up** ▶ MAKE 2  
**right** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 4; GOOD 9; RIGHT 1, 3, 4, 6, 9; SUITABLE 1; YES 3  
*be right* ▶ RIGHT 2  
*by right* ▶ RIGHT 9  
*come out right/turn out right*  
 ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 3  
*get sth right* ▶ RIGHT 2  
*give sb the right* ▶ RIGHT 12  
*have a right to be scared/proud/happy etc* ▶ RIGHT 7  
*have the right* ▶ RIGHT 12  
*I'll be right with you/be right there*  
 ▶ WAIT 2  
*just right* ▶ PERFECT 2; SUITABLE 2  
*make it right* ▶ REASON 5  
*put right* ▶ SOLVE 1



*the right* ▶ POLITICS 3

*think sth is right* ▶ APPROVE 1

*yeah, right* ▶ BELIEVE 4

**right and wrong** ▶ GOOD 12

**right arm**

*would do anything/would give*

*anything/would give your right arm*

▶ WANT/NOT WANT 2

**right away**

*at once/right away* ▶ IMMEDIATELY 1

**right for**

*be right for* ▶ SUITABLE 3

*be wrong for/be not be right for*

▶ UNSUITABLE 4

**right now** ▶ NOW 1

*this minute/right now*

▶ IMMEDIATELY 1

**right off/right off the bat**

▶ IMMEDIATELY 3

**right on time** ▶ ON TIME 1

**right place**

*be in the right place at the right time*

▶ LUCKY 1

**right side**

*get on the right side of* ▶ LIKE 9

**right size**

*be the right size* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 1, 3

*not be the right size* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 2

**right time**

*come at the right time/come at a good*

*time* ▶ TIME 14

**right track**

*be on the right track* ▶ RIGHT 2

**right way round**

*the right way round* ▶ ORDER 2;

RIGHT 3

**right way up**

*the right way up* ▶ RIGHT 3

**right-hand man** ▶ HELP 5

**right-wing** ▶ POLITICS 3

**rightly** ▶ RIGHT 4, 7

**rights** ▶ RIGHT 9, 10

*be within your rights* ▶ RIGHT 12

*civil rights* ▶ RIGHT 10

*equal rights* ▶ RIGHT 10

*human rights* ▶ RIGHT 10

**rightsize**

*downsize/rightsize* ▶ REDUCE 4

**rigid** ▶ BEND 5; CHANGE/NOT

CHANGE 23, 30; HARD 1; STRICT/NOT

STRICT 2

**rigorous** ▶ CAREFUL 5

**rim** ▶ EDGE 1

**ring** ▶ CIRCLE 1, 4; CRIME 4;

SOUND 7, 13

*be ringed by* ▶ AROUND/ROUND 2

*circle/ring* ▶ CIRCLE 5

*give sb a buzz/ring* ▶ TELEPHONE 1

*not ring true* ▶ UNTRUE 1

*set (the) alarm bells ringing*

▶ WARN 3

**ring a bell** ▶ REMEMBER 3

**ring off** ▶ TELEPHONE 7

**ring road** ▶ ROAD/PATH 3

**ring/phone up** ▶ TELEPHONE 1

**rings**

*run rings around* ▶ BETTER 2

**rinse** ▶ WASH 6

**riot** ▶ FIGHT 5; PROTEST 1, 2;

VIOLENT 6

**riot act**

*read sb the riot act* ▶ TELL SB OFF 2

**rip** ▶ TEAR 1, 3, 5

*tear/rip sth to shreds* ▶ TEAR 2

**rip off** ▶ CHEAT 2; STEAL 1

**rip up** ▶ TEAR 2

**rip-off**

*a rip-off* ▶ CHEAT 2; EXPENSIVE 4

**ripe** ▶ READY/NOT READY 2

*be ripe for* ▶ READY/NOT READY 1

**rise** ▶ INCREASE 10, 11; STAND 2;

UP 3, 7, 8, 10

*give rise to* ▶ CAUSE 1

*go up/rise* ▶ INCREASE 1

**rise above** ▶ DEAL WITH 3

**rise to fame/shoot to fame/win**

**fame (as)** ▶ FAMOUS 3

**rise to the occasion/challenge**

▶ DEAL WITH 3

**rise to the top** ▶ SUCCEED/

SUCCESSFUL 6

**rise up** ▶ REBELLION/REVOLUTION 3

**rising** ▶ HIGH 8; INCREASE 2

**rising star** ▶ FAMOUS 3

**risk** ▶ DANGEROUS 6; RISK 1, 3, 5, 6

*a fire risk/health risk*

▶ DANGEROUS 2

*at the risk of doing sth* ▶ RISK 3

*at your own risk* ▶ DANGEROUS 4;

RISK 3

*be at risk* ▶ DANGEROUS 3; RISK 6, 7

*put sb's life at risk* ▶ DANGEROUS 5

*put sb/sth at risk* ▶ RISK 8

*run a risk* ▶ RISK 6

*take a risk* ▶ RISK 3

**risk your life** ▶ DANGEROUS 4

**risk your neck** ▶ DANGEROUS 4

**risk-taking** ▶ RISK 3

**risky** ▶ DANGEROUS 1; RISK 2

**risqué** ▶ SEX 18

**rite** ▶ TRADITION 3

**ritual** ▶ TRADITION 3

**rival** ▶ COMPETE WITH 5; EQUAL/NOT

EQUAL 3

**rivalry** ▶ COMPETE WITH 3

**river**

*sell sb down the river* ▶ BETRAY 1

**riveted**

*gripped/riveted* ▶ INTERESTED 2

**riveting/gripping** ▶ INTERESTING 2

**road** ▶ ROAD/PATH 1, 2

*hit the road* ▶ START 4

*ring road* ▶ ROAD/PATH 3

**road movie** ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2

**roam** ▶ WALK 10

**roar** ▶ LOUD 3, 4; SHOUT 1, 2;

SOUND 8, 12

**roar/howl/peal etc of laughter**

▶ LAUGH 3

**roar/howl/shriek etc with laughter**

▶ LAUGH 3

**roaring**

*do a roaring trade* ▶ SELL 12

**roaring drunk** ▶ DRUNK 3

**roast** ▶ COOK 2

**roasting**

*boiling/roasting* ▶ HOT 5

**rob** ▶ STEAL 2, 3

**robber** ▶ STEAL 5

**robbery** ▶ STEAL 6, 7

*be daylight robbery* ▶ EXPENSIVE 4

**robot** ▶ MACHINE 1

**robust** ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 2;

STRONG 2

**rock** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 5;

SHOCKED/SHOCKING 3

**rock bottom**

*hit/reach rock bottom* ▶ WORSE 4

**rock the boat** ▶ PROBLEM 10

**rockbottom**

*at rockbottom prices* ▶ CHEAP 5

**rocket** ▶ INCREASE 4

**rocks**

*be on the rocks* ▶ FAIL 7

**rod of iron**

*rule with a rod of iron* ▶ STRICT/NOT

STRICT 3

**role**

*part/role* ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 6

*play a leading part/role*

▶ IMPORTANT 8

*play a part/role* ▶ TAKE PART/BE

INVOLVED 1

**role model** ▶ COPY 9

**role play** ▶ PRETEND 2

**roll** ▶ LIST 2; PRESS 2; PUSH 2

**roll back** ▶ REDUCE 1

**roll down**

*wind down/roll down* ▶ OPEN 1

**roll in** ▶ ARRIVE 1

**roll over** ▶ TURN 7, 10

**roll/press/squash etc sth flat**

▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 3

**rolling** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 8

*be loaded/be rolling in it* ▶ RICH 2

*get/start/set the ball rolling*

▶ START 13

**romance** ▶ RELATIONSHIP 5

**romance/love story** ▶ LOVE 7

**romantic** ▶ LOVE 5, 7

**romantic comedy** ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2

**romp home** ▶ WIN 4

**roof**

*a roof over your head* ▶ HOUSE 3

*blow your top/hit the roof/go crazy/go*

*nuts/have a fit* ▶ ANGRY 6

*go through the roof* ▶ INCREASE 4

**rookie** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT

EXPERIENCED 3; NEW 7

**room** ▶ SPACE 1

*chat room* ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/

EMAIL 8

*elbow room* ▶ SPACE 1

*leg room* ▶ SPACE 1

*make room* ▶ SPACE 2

**room with** ▶ LIVE 3

**room/scope** ▶ CHANCE 4

**roomy**

*spacious/roomy* ▶ BIG 3

**root** ▶ CAUSE 10; COME FROM 7

*be at the root/bottom of* ▶ CAUSE 4

**root out** ▶ GET RID OF 3, 4

**rooted**

*be glued/rooted to* ▶ MOVE/NOT

MOVE 11

**roots** ▶ COME FROM 3

*have its roots in* ▶ COME FROM 6

*the grass roots* ▶ NORMAL/

ORDINARY 3

**rope sb together** ▶ TIE/UNTIE 1

**ropes**

*know the ropes* ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT

EXPERIENCED 1

*show sb the ropes* ▶ TEACH 1

**roster** ▶ LIST 2

**rot** ▶ DECAY 1, 3

**rotate** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 13

**rotate/revolve** ▶ TURN 1

**rotating** ▶ TURN 5



**rotten** ▶ DECAY 2; FRESH/NOT FRESH 2

**rough** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 5; COMFORTABLE/UNCOMFORTABLE 7; DETAIL 5; EXACT/NOT EXACT 7; FLAT/NOT FLAT 6; ROUGH/NOT SMOOTH 1; VIOLENT 1; VOICE 2; WRITE 10  
*feel rough* ▶ ILL/SICK 5  
*sleep rough* ▶ SLEEP 9

**rough and ready** ▶ SIMPLE 1

**rough guess** ▶ GUESS 6

**roughen** ▶ ROUGH/NOT SMOOTH 2

**roughly** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 1, 4

**round** ▶ CIRCLE 2; ROUND 1, 2

*all round* ▶ EVERYONE 1, 3

*be round/square/rectangular etc* ▶ SHAPE 2

*bring sb round* ▶ CONSCIOUS 3

*bring/talk sb round* ▶ PERSUADE 4

*buy/get a round* ▶ BUY 3; PAY 2

*call round/call in* ▶ VISIT 2

*come over/come around/come round* ▶ VISIT 1

*come round* ▶ CONSCIOUS 2

*get round* ▶ PERSUADE 2

*go over/go around/go round* ▶ VISIT 1

**round off** ▶ FINISH 4

**round the back** ▶ BEHIND 1

**round up** ▶ CATCH 4

**round-trip ticket** ▶ RETURN 5

**roundabout**

*in a roundabout way* ▶ SAY 6

**roundabouts**

*it's swings and roundabouts/it cuts*

*both ways* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 7

**rounded** ▶ ROUND 4

**rouse** ▶ WAKE UP/GET UP 2

**rousing** ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/UNENTHUSIASTIC 4

**rout** ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 2, 3, 5

**route** ▶ ROAD/PATH 3; WAY 9

*en route* ▶ TRAVEL 1

**route/path** ▶ WAY 4

**routine** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 1; USUALLY 3, 4

**routinely** ▶ USUALLY 1

**row** ▶ ARGUE 4; LINE 6, 10

*in a row* ▶ SERIES 3

**rowdy** ▶ LOUD 1

**RSVP/R.S.V.P.** ▶ ANSWER 2

**rub** ▶ RUB 1, 2, 3; TOUCH 1

*give sth a rub* ▶ RUB 1

**rub off**

*wipe/rub off* ▶ REMOVE 3

**rub out** ▶ REMOVE 5

**rub sth together** ▶ RUB 2

**rubber-stamp** ▶ ACCEPT 6

**rubbish** ▶ BAD 1; RUBBISH/GARBAGE 1

*nonsense/rubbish* ▶ UNTRUE 4

**rubble**

*reduce sth to rubble/ashes etc* ▶ DESTROY 1

**rude** ▶ RUDE 1; SEX 18

*be rude to* ▶ INSULT 1

**rude awakening** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 6

**rudimentary** ▶ SIMPLE 2

**rugged** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 2

**ruin** ▶ DESTROY 4; MONEY 17;

SPOIL 1, 2, 4

*go to rack and ruin* ▶ CONDITION 6

**ruins** ▶ DESTROY 7; REMAIN 3

*be/lie in ruins* ▶ DESTROY 6

**rule** ▶ GOVERNMENT 7; LEADER 2; LINE 9; POWER/POWERFUL 4; RULE/REGULATION 1

*as a (general) rule* ▶ USUALLY 1

*break a rule/law* ▶ DISOBEY 2

*generally speaking/as a rule* ▶ IN GENERAL 1

**rule out** ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 4

**rule with a rod of iron** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 3

**ruler** ▶ LEADER 1

**rules**

*be against the rules* ▶ ILLEGAL 1

*bend the rules* ▶ LET/ALLOW 7

*break the rules* ▶ ILLEGAL 3

*stick to the rules* ▶ OBEY 2

**rules and regulations** ▶ RULE/REGULATION 1

**ruling** ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 4

**rumble** ▶ SOUND 8

**rummage/rummage about** ▶ LOOK FOR 6

**rumored**

*be rumoured/rumored to be*

▶ RUMOUR 1

**rumour** ▶ RUMOUR 1

**rumour has it** ▶ SAY 12

**rumoured**

*be rumoured/rumored to be*

▶ RUMOUR 1

**rumpled** ▶ UNTIDY 2

**run** ▶ COLOUR 9; FLOW 1; GOVERNMENT 7; IN CHARGE OF 1; LAST 5; RUN 1, 2; SCORE 3; SPREAD 1; VOTE 7

*badly run* ▶ ORGANIZE 3

*be on the run* ▶ ESCAPE 5

*break into a run* ▶ RUN 1

*go for a run/jog* ▶ RUN 2

*have/run your own business* ▶ WORK FOR SB 2

*make a run/dash/break for* ▶ RUN 1

*trial run* ▶ TEST 9

**run a risk** ▶ RISK 6

**run a story** ▶ NEWS 4

**run a test** ▶ TEST 10

**run a tight ship** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 3

**run after** ▶ FOLLOW 3

**run away** ▶ LEAVE 14

**run away with** ▶ WIN 4

**run away/run off** ▶ ESCAPE 1

**run cold**

*make your blood run cold*

▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 4

**run down** ▶ ILL/SICK 2; REDUCE 4

*put/run yourself down* ▶ MODEST 2

**run for it/make a run for it**

▶ ESCAPE 1

**run in the family** ▶ FAMILY 2

**run into** ▶ HIT 3

*bump into/run into* ▶ MEET 2

**run into problems/difficulties**

▶ PROBLEM 6

**run of**

*give sb the run of* ▶ LET/ALLOW 6

**run off your feet**

*be rushed/run off your feet* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 1

**run off/away** ▶ LEAVE 6

**run on** ▶ LONG 9

**run out** ▶ FINISH 8, 9, 13

**run out of** ▶ FINISH 12

*be out of sth/run out of* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 6

*be running out/short of* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 7

**run out of steam** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 5

**run out of time** ▶ TIME 21

**run over** ▶ HIT 3

*overrun/run over* ▶ LONG 9

**run rings around** ▶ BETTER 2

**run through**

*go/run through* ▶ PRACTISE/PRACTICE 1

**run to** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 3

**run up** ▶ MAKE 2

**run up a debt** ▶ OWE 3

**run wild** ▶ CONTROL/NOT

CONTROL 10

**run your hand over/along/across/through etc** ▶ TOUCH 1

**run-down** ▶ CONDITION 3

**run-through** ▶ PRACTISE/PRACTICE 2

**run-up**

*on the eve of/in the run-up to*

▶ BEFORE 1

**run/go off with** ▶ LEAVE 27

**runaway** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 10

**rundown** ▶ SUMMARIZE 2

*give (sb) a rundown* ▶ SUMMARIZE 1

**runner-up** ▶ LOSE 6

**running** ▶ SERIES 3

*be in the running* ▶ WIN 8

*be running* ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 3

*be running late* ▶ LATE 5

*be up and running* ▶ WORKING 1

**runny** ▶ LIQUID 3

**rural** ▶ COUNTRY 14

**ruse** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 3

**rush** ▶ HURRY 1, 5

*a rush job* ▶ HURRY 4

*in a hurry/in a rush* ▶ HURRY 1

*the rush* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 5

*there's no hurry/there's no rush*

▶ HURRY 6

*what's the hurry?/what's the rush?*

▶ HURRY 6

**rush hour** ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 5

**rush through**

*hurry through/rush through*

▶ HURRY 1

**rush/dash** ▶ FAST 4

**rush/hurry** ▶ HURRY 3

**rushed** ▶ HURRY 4

**rushed off your feet**

*be rushed/run off your feet* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 1

**rust** ▶ DECAY 1

**rust/rust away** ▶ DAMAGE 3

**rustic** ▶ COUNTRY 14

**rustle** ▶ SOUND 10

**rustle up** ▶ COOK 1

**rusty** ▶ DECAY 2; PRACTISE/PRACTICE 3

**rut** ▶ LINE 3

**ruthless** ▶ CRUEL 1; DETERMINED 4



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- sabotage** ▶ DAMAGE 2; SPOIL 2
- sack**  
*hit the sack* ▶ SLEEP 4
- sack/give sb the sack** ▶ LEAVE 23
- sacred** ▶ RELIGION 4
- sacrifice** ▶ GIVE 12
- sad** ▶ SAD 1, 4  
*it's sad* ▶ UNFORTUNATELY 1  
*make sb (feel) sad/unhappy* ▶ SAD 5
- sadden** ▶ SAD 5
- saddle sb with** ▶ WORK 12
- sadism** ▶ CRUEL 4
- sadist** ▶ CRUEL 1
- sadistic** ▶ CRUEL 1
- sadly** ▶ UNFORTUNATELY 1
- sadness** ▶ SAD 8
- safe** ▶ SAFE 1, 2, 3, 4  
*be as safe as houses* ▶ SAFE 2  
*be in good/safe hands* ▶ SAFE 1  
*play safe* ▶ CAREFUL 2
- safe bet**  
*it's a safe bet/it's a sure bet/it's a sure thing* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 4
- safeguard** ▶ PROTECT 1, 4
- safely** ▶ SAFE 1
- safety** ▶ SAFE 1, 3, 5
- saga** ▶ STORY 1
- sail** ▶ TRAVEL 3  
*(set) sail* ▶ LEAVE 4
- sail/breeze through** ▶ TEST 7
- sailor** ▶ ARMY 2
- saint** ▶ GOOD 8
- saintly** ▶ GOOD 8
- salary** ▶ EARN 8
- sale** ▶ CHEAP 7  
*be on sale* ▶ SELL 9; CHEAP 7  
*be up for sale* ▶ SELL 9  
*for sale* ▶ SELL 9  
*on sale* ▶ CHEAP 7  
*put sth up for sale* ▶ SELL 8  
*the sale of sth* ▶ SELL 1
- sales** ▶ BUSINESS 2; SELL 11
- sales assistant/shop assistant**  
 ▶ SHOP/STORE 5; SELL 4
- sales staff** ▶ SELL 4
- salesman**  
*snake-oil salesman/peddler* ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 5
- salesman/saleswoman/salesperson** ▶ SELL 4
- salt**  
*take sth with a pinch of salt* ▶ BELIEVE 3
- salty** ▶ TASTE 4
- salvage** ▶ SAVE 6, 7
- salve your conscience** ▶ GUILTY 9
- same**  
*be the same* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 1  
*it makes no difference to me/it doesn't bother me/it's all the same to me* ▶ DON'T CARE 2  
*much the same* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 1  
*not the same* ▶ DIFFERENT 1  
*stay the same* ▶ SAME 5  
*still/all the same/then again* ▶ BUT 1  
*thanks all the same* ▶ NO 3  
*the same* ▶ SAME 1, 2, 3, 4  
*the very (same)/the self-same* ▶ SAME 1
- same old** ▶ USUALLY 3
- same time**  
*at the same time* ▶ TIME 16
- sample** ▶ GROUP 8; TRY 8
- sanctimonious** ▶ GOOD 15
- sanctions** ▶ FORBID 7
- sanctuary** ▶ SAFE 3
- sand**  
*bury your head in the sand* ▶ IGNORE 3
- sandwich**  
*be one sandwich short of a picnic* ▶ CRAZY 1
- sandwiched**  
*be sandwiched between* ▶ BETWEEN 1
- sane** ▶ MENTALLY ILL 4; SENSIBLE 1
- sanity** ▶ MENTALLY ILL 4
- sap sb's strength/energy** ▶ WEAK 4
- sarcasm** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 2
- sarcastic** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 2
- sassy** ▶ RUDE 2
- satire** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 3
- satisfaction** ▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 4  
*do sth to sb's satisfaction* ▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 5
- satisfactory** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 1  
*find/consider sth satisfactory* ▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 1
- satisfied** ▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 1, 2; SURE/NOT SURE 1  
*keep sb satisfied/happy* ▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 5  
*not satisfied* ▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 6
- satisfy** ▶ PERSUADE 4; SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 5
- satisfying** ▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 3
- saturate** ▶ WET 4
- saturated** ▶ WET 1
- saunter** ▶ WALK 3
- savage** ▶ VIOLENT 1, 3
- savagery** ▶ VIOLENT 5
- save** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 4; KEEP 1; SAVE 1, 4, 7  
*keep/save sth for* ▶ KEEP 2  
*scrimp and save* ▶ SAVE 1; SPEND MONEY/TIME 4
- save up** ▶ SAVE 1
- save your life**  
*can't do sth to save your life* ▶ BAD AT DOING STH 2
- save/keep** ▶ SAVE 8
- save/rescue** ▶ SAVE 5, 6
- saved**  
*have sth saved/have sth saved up* ▶ SAVE 2
- saved my life**  
*you've saved my life* ▶ THANK 1
- saving grace** ▶ ADVANTAGE 2
- saving grace/redeeming feature** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 3
- savings** ▶ MONEY 6; SAVE 3
- savoury** ▶ TASTE 4
- saw** ▶ CUT 6
- say** ▶ EXPRESS 1; MEANING 5; SAY 1, 2; SHOW 3; TELL 2  
*can't say/tell* ▶ PREDICT 5  
*do what sb says* ▶ ADVISE 4  
*do what/as sb says* ▶ OBEY 1  
*have a say* ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 1  
*have no say* ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 6  
*have your say* ▶ SAY 4  
*I don't know what to say* ▶ SAY 10  
*not say anything about* ▶ TALK 16  
*supposing/suppose/say* ▶ IF 2  
*they say/people say* ▶ SAY 12  
*thing to say* ▶ SAY 11  
*what sb says, goes* ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 1  
*what?/what did you say?* ▶ REPEAT 6  
*who knows/who can say* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 18
- say (that) sth/sb is** ▶ CALL/DESCRIBE AS 1
- say a lot for/about** ▶ SHOW 10
- say good things about** ▶ PRAISE 1
- say goodbye** ▶ GOODBYE 3
- say hello** ▶ HELLO 4
- say hello/say hi (for sb)** ▶ HELLO 3
- say it's sb's fault** ▶ BLAME 1
- say much for**  
*not say much for* ▶ SHOW 11
- say no** ▶ FORBID 1; NO 2; REFUSE 1; REJECT 1, 2  
*I wouldn't say no* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 1
- say no/say sb can't do sth** ▶ FORBID 1
- say sb can do sth** ▶ LET/ALLOW 1
- say sb should do sth/ought to do sth** ▶ ADVISE 1
- say something** ▶ TALK 1
- say sorry** ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 1
- say sth again** ▶ REPEAT 2
- say sth under your breath** ▶ SAY 8
- say thank you** ▶ THANK 2
- say what you think** ▶ SAY 4
- say what/why/where etc** ▶ EXPLAIN 1
- say why/tell sb why** ▶ REASON 6
- say yes** ▶ ACCEPT 1
- say you are sorry** ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 1
- say your goodbyes** ▶ GOODBYE 3
- say-so**  
*sb's say-so* ▶ LET/ALLOW 8
- saying** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 3
- scald** ▶ BURN 2
- scalding/scalding hot** ▶ HOT 1, 2
- scale** ▶ BIG 8; CLIMB 1; JUDGE 7  
*large scale/large-scale* ▶ BIG 7  
*time scale* ▶ TIME 8
- scale down** ▶ REDUCE 4
- scaly** ▶ ROUGH/NOT SMOOTH 1
- scam** ▶ CHEAT 5; TRICK/DECEIVE 3  
*con man/con artist/scam artist* ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 5
- scamper** ▶ RUN 3
- scan** ▶ READ 2
- scandal** ▶ NEWS 1; RUMOUR 1
- scandalized** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 7
- scandalous**  
*shocking/scandalous* ▶ BAD 13
- scapegoat** ▶ BLAME 3
- scar** ▶ MARK 3
- scarce** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 5; RARE/RARELY 1  
*make yourself scarce* ▶ LEAVE 6
- scarcely**  
*hardly any/scarcely any* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 2  
*hardly/scarcely ever* ▶ RARE/RARELY 3



**scare** ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
FRIGHTENING 4, 9  
*frighten/scare sb into sth*  
▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 6

**scare easily** ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
FRIGHTENING 7

**scared** ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
FRIGHTENING 1  
*be afraid/be frightened/be scared*  
▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 2  
*be afraid/scared of heights* ▶ HIGH 6

**scared stiff/scared out of your wits/scared to death**  
▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 1

**scary** ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 5

**scathing** ▶ CRITICIZE 6

**scatter** ▶ LEAVE 13; SPREAD 4, 6

**scattered** ▶ SPREAD 5

**scenario** ▶ SITUATION 1

**scene** ▶ PART 3; SEE 4  
*be on the scene* ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 3  
*make a scene* ▶ ANGRY 10  
*set the scene* ▶ PREPARE 5

**scenery** ▶ LAND/GROUND 2

**scenes** ▶ HAPPEN 9

**scenic** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 6

**scent** ▶ SMELL 1, 7  
*throw sb off the scent* ▶ ESCAPE 3

**scent/fragrance/perfume**  
▶ SMELL 2

**sceptical** ▶ BELIEVE 3

**schedule** ▶ LIST 4; PLAN 3; TIME 5, 6  
*ahead of schedule* ▶ EARLY 1  
*be behind schedule* ▶ LATE 5  
*on schedule* ▶ ON TIME 4

**scheduled** ▶ PLAN 9

**scheme** ▶ PLAN 1, 2, 7

**scheming** ▶ BAD 8

**scholarly** ▶ INTELLIGENT 9

**scholarship** ▶ MONEY 8

**school** ▶ GROUP 3; SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 1, 5  
*comprehensive school* ▶ SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 4  
*elementary school/grade school*  
▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 3  
*high school* ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 4  
*junior high school* ▶ SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 4  
*law school/medical school/business school* ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 5  
*middle school* ▶ SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 4  
*nursery school* ▶ SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 2  
*primary school* ▶ SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 3  
*secondary school* ▶ SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 4  
*stay (in) after school* ▶ STAY 3  
*the school year/the academic year*  
▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 6

**school of thought** ▶ OPINION 3

**school-leaver** ▶ LEAVE 20

**schoolboy/schoolgirl/schoolchild**  
▶ STUDY 5

**schoolkid** ▶ STUDY 5

**schoolwork** ▶ WORK 2

**science fiction** ▶ BOOKS 2

**science fiction film/science fiction movie** ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2

**scoff** ▶ EAT 4

**scold** ▶ TELL SB OFF 1

**scoop** ▶ NEWS 3

**scoop up/out** ▶ LIFT 1

**scope** ▶ LIMIT 3  
*room/scope* ▶ CHANCE 4

**scorch** ▶ BURN 1

**scorching**  
*boiling/scorching* ▶ WEATHER 7

**score** ▶ GET 5; GRADE 1; RESULT 1;  
SCORE 1, 3; SPORT/GAME 9

**scorn** ▶ REJECT 4

**scour** ▶ CLEAN 6; LOOK FOR 3, 5

**scowl** ▶ LOOK 4

**scrap** ▶ FIGHT 4; GET RID OF 4;  
PIECE 6

**scrape** ▶ RUB 2, 3  
*graze/scrape* ▶ CUT 3

**scrape home** ▶ WIN 5

**scrape through** ▶ TEST 7

**scrape/scratch off** ▶ REMOVE 3

**scratch** ▶ CUT 3; DAMAGE 1; RUB 1;  
TOUCH 1  
*not be up to scratch/not come up to scratch* ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 4; BAD 3  
*without a scratch* ▶ HURT/INJURE 7

**scratch off**  
*scrape/scratch off* ▶ REMOVE 3

**scrawl** ▶ READ 12; WRITE 1, 2

**scrawny** ▶ THIN 4

**scream** ▶ SCREAM 1, 2; SHOUT 1, 2  
*let out a scream/shriek* ▶ SCREAM 1

**screech** ▶ SCREAM 1; SOUND 4

**screen** ▶ HIDE 4; TELEVISION/  
RADIO 3; TEST 11  
*the small screen* ▶ TELEVISION/  
RADIO 1

**screw**  
*have a screw loose* ▶ CRAZY 1

**screw on** ▶ SHUT 2

**screw up** ▶ DO/NOT DO 12; SPOIL 2;  
SQUASH 1

**screw up your eyes** ▶ LOOK 5

**screwed on**  
*have your head screwed on*  
▶ SENSIBLE 1

**screwy** ▶ CRAZY 2

**scribble** ▶ DRAW 1, 2; WRITE 2

**scrimp and save** ▶ SAVE 1; SPEND  
MONEY/TIME 4

**scroll** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
EMAIL 4

**scrounge** ▶ ASK 14

**scrounger** ▶ GET 7

**scrub** ▶ CANCEL 1; CLEAN 6; WASH 3

**scruffy** ▶ UNTIDY 2

**scruples** ▶ GOOD 14

**scrupulous** ▶ CAREFUL 5

**scrutinize** ▶ EXAMINE 1

**scrutiny** ▶ EXAMINE 3

**scuffle** ▶ FIGHT 4

**scurry** ▶ RUN 3

**scuttle** ▶ RUN 3

**sea**  
*by air/by sea/by land* ▶ TRAVEL 3  
*by the sea* ▶ LAND/GROUND 6

**seal** ▶ SHUT 6

**sealed** ▶ SHUT 7

**search** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
EMAIL 4; LOOK FOR 3, 5, 6, 7  
*in search of* ▶ LOOK FOR 1, 2  
*strip search* ▶ CLOTHES 11

**search engine** ▶ COMPUTERS/  
INTERNET/EMAIL 8

**search for** ▶ LOOK FOR 1, 2  
*look for/search for* ▶ LOOK FOR 4

**seaside**  
*the seaside* ▶ LAND/GROUND 6

**season** ▶ TIME 12  
*the rainy season/the Monsoon*  
▶ WEATHER 9  
*the season* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 5

**seasoned** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT  
EXPERIENCED 1

**seat** ▶ SIT 4; SPACE 3  
*be on the edge of your seat* ▶ EXCITED/  
EXCITING 1  
*have a seat/take a seat* ▶ SIT 5  
*take your seat* ▶ SIT 2

**seated**  
*be seated* ▶ SIT 1  
*please be seated* ▶ SIT 5

**seats**  
*bums on seats* ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 4

**secluded** ▶ FAR 3

**second**  
*a second* ▶ TIME 9  
*a second/an instant* ▶ SHORT 9  
*be first/second etc* ▶ POSITION/  
RANK 8  
*have second thoughts* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 24  
*just a minute/second* ▶ WAIT 2  
*sb's second language* ▶ LANGUAGE 4

**second rate/third rate** ▶ BAD 3

**second thoughts**  
*have second thoughts* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 24

**second to last**  
*next to last/second to last* ▶ LAST 3

**second-guess** ▶ PREDICT 1

**second-hand** ▶ OLD 9; PERSONALLY/  
YOURSELF 4

**second-in-command** ▶ MANAGER 3

**second-rate/third-rate** ▶ BAD AT  
DOING STH 1

**secondary** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 3  
*be of secondary/minor/less etc importance* ▶ UNIMPORTANT 3

**secondary school** ▶ SCHOOL/  
UNIVERSITY 4

**secrecy** ▶ SECRET 4  
*be veiled in secrecy/shrouded in secrecy/cloaked in secrecy*  
▶ SECRET 1  
*secretly/in secret/in secrecy*  
▶ SECRET 5  
*swear sb to secrecy* ▶ TELL 16

**secret** ▶ PRIVATE 1; SECRET 1, 2, 3, 6;  
WAY 4  
*be an open secret* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 9  
*be no secret* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 9  
*can keep a secret* ▶ SECRET 4  
*keep sth (a) secret* ▶ TELL 13;  
SECRET 4  
*secretly/in secret/in secrecy*  
▶ SECRET 5

**secrete** ▶ HIDE 1

**secretive** ▶ SECRET 6

**secretly/in secret/in secrecy**  
▶ SECRET 5

**sect** ▶ RELIGION 2

**section** ▶ PART 1, 4

**sector** ▶ PART 4  
*the private sector* ▶ PRIVATE 7

**secure** ▶ GET 3; SAFE 1, 2

**securely** ▶ TIGHT 3

**security** ▶ SAFE 1, 5

**sedentary** ▶ SIT 6

**sedition** ▶ REBELLION/REVOLUTION 6



**seduce** ▶ ATTRACT/ATTRACTION 1; SEX 5  
**seductive** ▶ SEXY 2  
**see** ▶ FIND OUT 1; MEET 1, 2; SEE 1; UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 1, 2; WATCH 1  
*(you) see* ▶ EXPLAIN 2  
*can see* ▶ IMAGINE 1; SEE 13  
*can see/can tell* ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 1  
*can't see* ▶ SEE 11  
*don't/can't see* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 10  
*go to see* ▶ MUSIC 7  
*go to see/go and see* ▶ VISIT 1, 3  
*I can still hear/see/feel etc* ▶ REMEMBER 4  
*I see* ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 1  
*it is easy to see* ▶ OBVIOUS 1  
*let sb see* ▶ SHOW 1  
*pretend not to notice/see* ▶ IGNORE 2  
*regard/see* ▶ THINK 8  
*wait and see* ▶ WAIT 2  
**see eye to eye**  
*not see eye to eye* ▶ DISAGREE 1  
**see first hand** ▶ SEE 1  
**see how things go** ▶ WAIT 2  
**see if you can do sth** ▶ TRY 1  
**see into the future** ▶ PREDICT 2  
**see it**  
*as I see it/the way I see it* ▶ THINK 10  
**see reason** ▶ SENSIBLE 3  
*get sb to see reason* ▶ SENSIBLE 4  
**see sb for dust**  
*not see someone for dust* ▶ LEAVE 6  
**see sb off** ▶ GOODBYE 3  
**see sth as** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 5  
**see sth coming** ▶ PREDICT 2  
**see sth in** ▶ LIKE 7  
**see that/see to it that** ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 7  
**see the back of**  
*be glad/happy to see the back of* ▶ GET RID OF 6  
**see the funny side of** ▶ FUNNY 6  
**see the sights** ▶ VISIT 3  
**see the world** ▶ TRAVEL 8  
**see things in black and white** ▶ SIMPLE 4  
**see through** ▶ FINISH 6  
**see to/attend to** ▶ DEAL WITH 1  
**see you** ▶ GOODBYE 1  
**see-through** ▶ SEE 8  
**seeing**  
*be seeing* ▶ GIRLFRIEND/BOYFRIEND 2; RELATIONSHIP 4  
*be seeing things* ▶ IMAGINE 3; SEE 7  
**seeing as** ▶ BECAUSE 1  
**seek** ▶ ASK 9; LOOK FOR 2  
**seek advice** ▶ ADVISE 3  
**seek to do sth** ▶ TRY 1  
**seem** ▶ SEEM 1  
*not be what you seem* ▶ SEEM 4  
**seeming** ▶ SEEM 2  
**seemingly** ▶ SEEM 2  
**seen better days**  
*has seen better days* ▶ CONDITION 4  
**seep in** ▶ ENTER 11  
**seething** ▶ ANGRY 2  
**segment** ▶ PART 1  
**segregate** ▶ SEPARATE 6  
**segregation** ▶ RACE 5; SEPARATE 6

**seize** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 9; TAKE 9  
**seize power** ▶ POWER/POWERFUL 5  
**seldom**  
*rarely/seldom* ▶ RARE/RARELY 3  
**select** ▶ CHOOSE 1, 4; COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 4  
**selected** ▶ CHOOSE 7  
**selection** ▶ CHOOSE 7, 8; VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 5  
**selective** ▶ CHOOSE 9  
**self-assurance**  
*assurance/self-assurance* ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 3  
**self-assured** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 1  
**self-centred** ▶ SELFISH/NOT SELFISH 1  
**self-confidence** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 3  
**self-confident** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 1  
**self-conscious** ▶ EMBARRASSED/EMBARRASSING 1  
**self-control** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 13  
**self-defeating** ▶ FAIL 3  
**self-defence** ▶ DEFEND 2  
**self-discipline** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 13  
**self-effacing** ▶ MODEST 1  
**self-employed** ▶ JOB 4; WORK FOR SB 2  
**self-esteem** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 3; PROUD 7  
**self-evident** ▶ OBVIOUS 2  
**self-governing** ▶ INDEPENDENT 7  
**self-important** ▶ PROUD 3  
**self-interest** ▶ SELFISH/NOT SELFISH 2  
**self-made** ▶ ALONE 2  
**self-pity** ▶ SAD 6  
**self-reliance** ▶ INDEPENDENT 6  
**self-reliant** ▶ INDEPENDENT 1  
**self-respect** ▶ PROUD 7  
**self-righteous** ▶ GOOD 15  
**self-same**  
*the very (same)/the self-same* ▶ SAME 1  
**self-satisfied** ▶ PROUD 2  
**self-starter** ▶ ALONE 2  
**self-styled** ▶ NAME 10  
**self-sufficiency** ▶ INDEPENDENT 6  
**self-sufficient** ▶ INDEPENDENT 1, 2, 7  
**selfish** ▶ SELFISH/NOT SELFISH 1  
**selfishness** ▶ SELFISH/NOT SELFISH 2  
**selfless** ▶ SELFISH/NOT SELFISH 3  
**sell** ▶ ADVERTISING 1; SELL 1, 12  
**sell for/go for** ▶ COST 2  
**sell off** ▶ SELL 1  
**sell out** ▶ BETRAY 3; SELL 13  
**sell sb down the river** ▶ BETRAY 1  
**sell up** ▶ SELL 1  
**sell yourself short** ▶ MODEST 2  
**sell-out**  
*be a sell-out* ▶ SELL 13  
**seller** ▶ SELL 5  
**selling**  
*be selling like hot cakes* ▶ SELL 12  
**semblance of** ▶ SEEM 5

**semester** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 6  
**semicircle** ▶ CIRCLE 6  
**seminar** ▶ CLASS 2  
**Senate** ▶ GOVERNMENT 3  
**senator** ▶ POLITICS 2  
**send** ▶ SEND 1, 3  
**send back/return** ▶ SEND 2  
**send for** ▶ ASK 15; TELL 19  
**send in** ▶ SEND 1, 3  
**send off** ▶ SEND 1  
**send on** ▶ SEND 2  
**send out** ▶ SEND 1, 3, 4  
**send out for** ▶ ASK 9  
**send sb to Coventry** ▶ IGNORE 2; TALK 17  
**send sb/sth flying** ▶ THROW 5  
**send shivers down your spine** ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 4  
**send up** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 1  
**send you to sleep** ▶ BORING/BORED 1  
**send your love** ▶ HELLO 3  
**send your regards** ▶ HELLO 3  
**send-up** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 3  
**send/offer/express condolences** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 3  
**senility** ▶ MENTALLY ILL 2  
**senior** ▶ CLASS 1; POSITION/RANK 4  
*be senior to* ▶ POSITION/RANK 3  
**senior citizen** ▶ OLD 5  
**sensation** ▶ FEEL 2  
**sense** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 11; MEANING 1  
*a sense of* ▶ FEEL 7  
*common sense* ▶ SENSIBLE 5  
*in every sense* ▶ COMPLETELY 1  
*make sense* ▶ LOGICAL 1; SENSIBLE 2  
*make sense of* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 1  
*not make sense/make no sense* ▶ LOGICAL 4  
*sixth sense* ▶ INSTINCT 1  
*talk sense* ▶ SENSIBLE 1  
*talk some sense into* ▶ SENSIBLE 4  
**sense of direction** ▶ DIRECTION 4  
**sense of humour** ▶ FUNNY 6  
*have no sense of humour* ▶ SERIOUS 6  
**sense of smell** ▶ SMELL 7  
**sense of taste** ▶ TASTE 10  
**sense/good sense** ▶ SENSIBLE 5  
**senseless** ▶ PURPOSE 5  
*beat sb unconscious/beat sb senseless* ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 4  
**senses**  
*bring sb to their senses* ▶ SENSIBLE 4  
*come to your senses* ▶ SENSIBLE 3  
*need your head examined/have taken leave of your senses* ▶ CRAZY 1  
**sensible** ▶ SENSIBLE 1, 2  
**sensitive** ▶ DIFFICULT 5; OFFEND 3; SECRET 1; UPSET 5  
*oversensitive/overly sensitive* ▶ UPSET 5  
**sensual/sensuous** ▶ SEXY 2  
**sensuous**  
*sensual/sensuous* ▶ SEXY 2  
**sentence** ▶ COURT/TRIAL 2; PRISON 9; PUNISH 1, 4; WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 2  
*death sentence* ▶ KILL 7  
**sentiment** ▶ OPINION 1  
**sentimental** ▶ FEEL 11, 12



**sentimentality** ▶ FEEL 11

**separate** ▶ DIVORCE 1;  
SEPARATE 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7  
*go their separate ways* ▶ SEPARATE 7

**separated** ▶ DIVORCE 2  
*be separated* ▶ MARRY 13

**separately** ▶ SEPARATE 1

**separation** ▶ SEPARATE 7

**sequel** ▶ AFTER 7

**sequence** ▶ ORDER 1; SERIES 1

**serial** ▶ SERIES 2

**series** ▶ SERIES 1, 2

**serious** ▶ INTELLIGENT 9;  
SERIOUS 1, 6, 7  
*be serious* ▶ SERIOUS 3  
*not be serious* ▶ INTEND/NOT  
INTEND 2

**seriously** ▶ SERIOUS 3  
*badly/seriously etc affect* ▶ EFFECT/  
AFFECT 2  
*really/seriously* ▶ SERIOUS 5  
*take sb seriously* ▶ SERIOUS 4  
*take sth seriously* ▶ SERIOUS 7

**seriousness**  
*in all seriousness* ▶ SERIOUS 5

**serve** ▶ FOOD 4; GIVE 2; PRISON 4;  
PROVIDE/SUPPLY 2; SELL 1; SPEND  
MONEY/TIME 12

**serve as** ▶ USE 6

**serve sb right** ▶ DESERVE 2

**serve up** ▶ FOOD 4

**service** ▶ HELP 6; PRAY 3; PROVIDE/  
SUPPLY 3; REPAIR 1, 3

**serviceman/servicewoman**  
▶ ARMY 2

**services** ▶ PUBLIC SERVICES 1  
*the services* ▶ ARMY 1

**servicewoman**  
*serviceman/servicewoman* ▶ ARMY 2

**servile** ▶ OBEY 4

**serving** ▶ FOOD 5

**session** ▶ CLASS 2

**set** ▶ CLASS 1; COLLECT 3; FRIEND 3;  
GROUP 10; HARD 3; LIQUID 6;  
WORK 12  
*(set) sail* ▶ LEAVE 4  
*be all set* ▶ READY/NOT READY 1  
*get/start/set the ball rolling*  
▶ START 13  
*go down/set* ▶ DOWN 3

**set (the) alarm bells ringing**  
▶ WARN 3

**set a bad example/be a bad  
example** ▶ BAD 12

**set a date** ▶ MARRY 4

**set a time/date/place** ▶ ARRANGE 3

**set about/set to work** ▶ START 1

**set an example** ▶ COPY 9

**set aside** ▶ SAVE 1  
*put/set sth aside for* ▶ KEEP 2

**set back** ▶ DELAY 2

**set down** ▶ PUT 1

**set eyes on** ▶ SEE 1

**set fire to sth/set sth on fire**  
▶ BURN 3

**set in** ▶ START 12

**set in motion** ▶ START 13

**set in your ways**  
*be set in your ways* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 30

**set off** ▶ CAUSE 3; EXPLODE 2;  
LEAVE 4; START 16; SUIT/LOOK GOOD  
TOGETHER 2; SWITCH ON OR OFF 1

**set off/set out** ▶ START 4

**set on**  
*be set on* ▶ DETERMINED 1

**set out** ▶ ARRANGE 1; EXPLAIN 1

**set out to do sth** ▶ INTEND/NOT  
INTEND 1

**set sb a test/an exam** ▶ TEST 5

**set sb back** ▶ COST 2

**set sb free** ▶ FREE 9

**set sb straight** ▶ RIGHT 5

**set sb up** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 1

**set sb/sth apart** ▶ DIFFERENT 11

**set sth going** ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 1

**set the record straight** ▶ RIGHT 5

**set the scene** ▶ PREPARE 5

**set the trend** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
FASHIONABLE 4

**set to do sth**  
*be set to do sth* ▶ PROBABLY 5

**set up** ▶ GUILTY 4; PREPARE 2;  
START 15; TRICK/DECEIVE 6  
*be made/set up for life* ▶ RICH 5  
*be set up* ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 2

**set up house** ▶ LIVE 2

**set upon**  
*be set upon by* ▶ ATTACK 2

**set your heart on** ▶ WANT/NOT  
WANT 3

**set your mind on** ▶ DETERMINED 1

**set your sights on** ▶ WANT/NOT  
WANT 3

**set-up** ▶ SITUATION 1; SYSTEM 1

**set/impose/put a limit** ▶ LIMIT 4

**set/put sb's mind at rest**  
▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 10

**set/put sth to music** ▶ MUSIC 5

**setback** ▶ PROBLEM 3

**settle** ▶ AGREE 4; LIVE 2; PAY 6  
*patch up your differences/settle your  
differences* ▶ ARGUE 7

**settle down to** ▶ START 1

**settle in** ▶ USED TO/ACCUSTOMED  
TO 4

**settle on** ▶ CHOOSE 2

**settlement** ▶ TOWN 1

**settler** ▶ LIVE 5

**sever** ▶ CUT 7; STOP 22

**sever links/connections/relations/  
ties** ▶ SEPARATE 8

**several** ▶ SOME/SEVERAL 1

**severe** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 5

**sew up** ▶ AGREE 4

**sex** ▶ SEX 1, 4  
*casual sex* ▶ SEX 6  
*have sex* ▶ SEX 4

**sex appeal** ▶ SEXY 1

**sex drive** ▶ SEX 9

**sex maniac** ▶ SEX 12

**sexism** ▶ PREJUDICED 2

**sexist** ▶ PREJUDICED 1, 3

**sexless** ▶ SEXY 3

**sexual** ▶ SEX 1, 9  
*have (sexual) intercourse* ▶ SEX 4

**sexual harassment** ▶ SEX 15

**sexual relations** ▶ SEX 4

**sexuality** ▶ SEX 9

**sexually**  
*abuse/sexually abuse* ▶ SEX 15

**sexy** ▶ SEXY 1, 2

**shabby** ▶ CONDITION 5

**shack up** ▶ LIVE 4

**shackle** ▶ TIE/UNTIE 2

**shade** ▶ COLOUR 1  
*put sb/sth in the shade* ▶ BETTER 2

**shadow** ▶ FOLLOW 2  
*beyond a shadow of a doubt*  
▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 1  
*cast a shadow over* ▶ SPOIL 4

**shadows**  
*the shadows* ▶ DARK 3

**shadowy figure** ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 21

**shady** ▶ DISHONEST 3; SUSPECT 2

**shag** ▶ SEX 4

**shake** ▶ SHAKE 1, 2, 3, 4  
*give sth a shake* ▶ SHAKE 3  
*make sth shake* ▶ SHAKE 3

**shake hands** ▶ SHAKE 5

**shake off** ▶ ESCAPE 3; RECOVER 1

**shake sb up** ▶ SHOCKED/  
SHOCKING 3

**shake your fist** ▶ ANGRY 10

**shake your head** ▶ NO 4

**shake-up** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 17

**shake/damage (sb's) confidence**  
▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 6

**shaken/shaken up** ▶ SHOCKED/  
SHOCKING 1

**shaky** ▶ WEAK 1

**shallow** ▶ DEEP/NOT DEEP 4

**sham** ▶ PRETEND 7

**shamble** ▶ WALK 5

**shambles**  
*be a shambles* ▶ FAIL 5; ORGANIZE 3

**shame** ▶ ASHAMED 2; GUILTY 7  
*bring shame on* ▶ ASHAMED 3  
*hang/bow your head (in shame)*  
▶ ASHAMED 1  
*it's a pity/shame*  
▶ UNFORTUNATELY 1  
*put sb/sth to shame* ▶ BETTER 2

**shame on you!** ▶ ASHAMED 1

**shame sb** ▶ ASHAMED 3

**shamefaced** ▶ ASHAMED 1

**shameless** ▶ ASHAMED 4

**shampoo** ▶ WASH 1

**shape** ▶ MAKE 4; SHAPE 1  
*be in shape* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 5  
*get into shape* ▶ EXERCISE 1  
*in bad condition/shape*  
▶ CONDITION 4  
*in good shape* ▶ CONDITION 2  
*in the shape of sth* ▶ SHAPE 2  
*knock sth into shape* ▶ IMPROVE 2  
*lose its shape* ▶ SHAPE 3  
*not be in shape/be out of shape/be out  
of condition* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 6

**shaped** ▶ SHAPE 2

**shapeless** ▶ LOOSE 1; SHAPE 4

**share** ▶ BOTH 1; EVERYONE 4;  
SHARE 1, 2, 4, 5  
*the lion's share* ▶ MOST 1

**share a house/apartment/room/flat  
with** ▶ LIVE 3

**share out** ▶ GIVE 2

**share the view that** ▶ AGREE 1

**share/share out** ▶ SHARE 3

**shared** ▶ SHARE 1

**sharp** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 7; EXACT/  
NOT EXACT 1; INTELLIGENT 3;  
SHARP 1; TASTE 5; WELL-DRESSED 1

**sharp practice** ▶ DISHONEST 4

**sharpen** ▶ SHARP 2

**shatter** ▶ BREAK 5, 6, 9



**shattered** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 1  
*devastated/shattered* ▶ SHOCKED/  
 SHOCKING 1

**shattering**  
*devastating/shattering* ▶ SHOCKED/  
 SHOCKING 4

**shave** ▶ CUT 5  
*close shave* ▶ ALMOST 5; JUST 4

**sheaf** ▶ GROUP 11

**shebang**  
*the whole enchilada/shebang* ▶ ALL/  
 EVERYTHING 1

**shed** ▶ THIN 7  
*throw/shed light on* ▶ EXPLAIN 1

**sheen** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 6

**sheepish** ▶ EMBARRASSED/  
 EMBARRASSING 1

**sheer** ▶ VERTICAL 1

**sheet** ▶ PIECE 4

**shell** ▶ SHOOT 1  
*bring sb out of their shell* ▶ SHY 3  
*come out of your shell* ▶ SHY 3

**shell out**  
*fork out/shell out* ▶ PAY 1

**shell out/fork out** ▶ SPEND MONEY/  
 TIME 2

**shelling** ▶ SHOOT 5

**shelter** ▶ PROTECT 2  
*give sb shelter/refuge* ▶ PROTECT 2  
*shelter* ▶ PROTECT 4

**shelve** ▶ CANCEL 1

**shepherd** ▶ TAKE 6

**shh** ▶ QUIET 7

**shield** ▶ PROTECT 1, 4

**shift** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 21;  
 MOVE/NOT MOVE 1, 6, 9; REMOVE 4

**shift the blame** ▶ BLAME 4

**shifty** ▶ DISHONEST 3

**shimmer** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 2

**shimmering** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 4

**shin up/down** ▶ CLIMB 1

**shine** ▶ CLEAN 5; SHINE/SHINY 1, 6  
*rain or shine* ▶ WEATHER 14

**shiny** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 4

**ship** ▶ TAKE 1  
*run a tight ship* ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT  
 EFFICIENT 3

**shirk** ▶ LAZY 3

**shiver** ▶ COLD 4; SHAKE 2

**shivers**  
*send shivers down your spine*  
 ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 4

**shock** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 3, 5, 6;  
 SURPRISED/SURPRISING 6, 6  
*be in a state of shock* ▶ SHOCKED/  
 SHOCKING 1  
*come as a shock (to sb)* ▶ SHOCKED/  
 SHOCKING 3

**shocked** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 1, 7

**shocking** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 4

**shocking/scandalous** ▶ BAD 13

**shoddy** ▶ BAD 2

**shoestring**  
*on a shoestring* ▶ SPEND MONEY/  
 TIME 5

**shoo-in**  
*be a shoo-in* ▶ WIN 4

**shoot** ▶ SHOOT 1, 2  
*fire/shoot questions at* ▶ ASK 3

**shoot down** ▶ SHOOT 2

**shoot down/bring down** ▶ DOWN 5

**shoot for** ▶ TRY 5

**shoot off** ▶ LEAVE 6

**shoot the breeze** ▶ TALK 4

**shoot the messenger** ▶ BLAME 1

**shoot to fame**  
*rise to fame/shoot to fame/win fame*  
 (as) ▶ FAMOUS 3

**shoot up** ▶ GROW 1; INCREASE 4;  
 UP 3, 10

**shoot yourself in the foot**  
 ▶ HARM 2

**shooting** ▶ SHOOT 5

**shop** ▶ BUY 4; SHOP/STORE 1

*corner shop* ▶ SHOP/STORE 2

*sales assistant/shop assistant*

▶ SHOP/STORE 5

*talk shop* ▶ TALK 2

**shop around** ▶ BUY 4; CHOOSE 9

**shopkeeper** ▶ SELL 4; SHOP/STORE 5

**shoplift** ▶ STEAL 2

**shoplifter** ▶ STEAL 5

**shoplifting** ▶ STEAL 6

**shoppers** ▶ BUY 5

**shopping**  
*do the shopping* ▶ BUY 4  
*go shopping* ▶ BUY 4  
*mall/shopping mall* ▶ SHOP/STORE 4  
*window shopping* ▶ BUY 4

**shopping centre** ▶ SHOP/STORE 4

**shops**  
*go to the shops* ▶ BUY 4

**shore**  
*the shore* ▶ LAND/GROUND 6

**shore up** ▶ SUPPORT 7

**short** ▶ SHORT 1, 2, 7, 10  
*be short* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 5  
*for short* ▶ SHORT 6  
*in short* ▶ SUMMARIZE 3  
*keep it short* ▶ SHORT 5  
*sell yourself short* ▶ MODEST 2  
*to cut a long story short*  
 ▶ SUMMARIZE 3

**short cut** ▶ WAY 9

**short distance**  
*a short distance* ▶ NEAR 1

**short for**  
*be short for* ▶ SHORT 6

**short fuse**  
*have a short fuse* ▶ ANGRY 13

**short list/shortlist** ▶ LIST 2

**short notice**  
*at short notice* ▶ SUDDENLY 1

**short of**  
*be running out/short of* ▶ ENOUGH/  
 NOT ENOUGH 7  
*be short of/be low on* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT  
 ENOUGH 7

**short of breath** ▶ BREATHE 6

**short of time**  
*be short of time* ▶ TIME 20

**short on**  
*be short on* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT  
 ENOUGH 7

**short space of time**  
*a short/brief space of time* ▶ TIME 9

**short story** ▶ BOOKS 2

**short supply**  
*be in short supply* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT  
 ENOUGH 5

**short term**  
*in the long/short/medium term*  
 ▶ FUTURE 1

**short time**  
*a short time* ▶ SHORT 9

**short time ago**  
*a short time ago* ▶ RECENTLY 1

**short way**  
*a long/short way* ▶ DISTANCE 1

**short while**  
*a little while/a short while*  
 ▶ SHORT 9; TIME 9

**short while ago**  
*a short/little while ago* ▶ RECENTLY 1

**short with**  
*be short with* ▶ RUDE 3

**short-haul** ▶ FAR 6

**short-lived** ▶ SHORT 10

**short-range** ▶ FAR 6

**short-sighted** ▶ SEE 12

**short-staffed**  
*be short-staffed* ▶ WORK FOR SB 6

**short-tempered/quick-tempered**  
 ▶ ANGRY 13

**short-term** ▶ TEMPORARY 1

**shortage** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 8

**shortcomings** ▶ FAULT 2

**shorten** ▶ SHORT 3

**shortened** ▶ SHORT 4

**shorter**  
*make sth shorter* ▶ SHORT 3

**shortfall** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 8

**shortlist** ▶ LIST 5  
*short list/shortlist* ▶ LIST 2

**shortlisted**  
*be shortlisted* ▶ CHOOSE 4

**shortly** ▶ SOON 1

**shot** ▶ PICTURE 3; SHOOT 5  
*a shot in the dark* ▶ GUESS 6  
*be a good/bad etc shot* ▶ SHOOT 7  
*be shot at* ▶ SHOOT 3  
*get shot of* ▶ GET RID OF 1  
*give sth your best shot* ▶ TRY 3  
*mug shot* ▶ PICTURE 3  
*take a shot at* ▶ SHOOT 1

**shot/gunshot** ▶ SHOOT 6

**shots**  
*call the tune/shots* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
 CONTROL 1

**should** ▶ IF 1; SHOULD/UGHT TO 1, 2  
*I should think* ▶ PROBABLY 1  
*ought to be/should be* ▶ PROBABLY 3  
*say sb should do sth/ought to do sth*  
 ▶ ADVISE 1  
*will/should do* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT  
 ENOUGH 1  
*you should do sth/you ought to do sth*  
 ▶ ADVISE 2

**shoulder** ▶ RESPONSIBLE 3  
*a shoulder to cry on* ▶ KIND 2;  
 SYMPATHIZE 5  
*give sb the cold shoulder*  
 ▶ UNFRIENDLY 1

**shoulder to shoulder with sb**  
 ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 2

**shout** ▶ SHOUT 1, 2  
*it's my shout* ▶ PAY 2

**shove** ▶ PUSH 1, 5; PUT 3  
*give sth/sb a shove* ▶ PUSH 1  
*stuff/shove* ▶ PUSH 4

**show** ▶ ART/CULTURE 8; EXPLAIN 1;  
 PERFORM/PERFORMANCE 6;  
 PROVE 1; SEE 5;  
 SHOW 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 13; TAKE 6;  
 TELEVISION/RADIO 3, 4  
*(let's) get this show on the road*  
 ▶ START 13  
*be on show/on display* ▶ SHOW 4  
*exhibition/show* ▶ SHOW 5  
*not show* ▶ HIDE 7

**show of hands** ▶ VOTE 3



**show off** ▶ SHOW 7; SHOW OFF 1  
**show sb around** ▶ SHOW 6  
**show sb sth** ▶ SHOW 6  
**show sb the door** ▶ LEAVE 11  
**show sb the ropes** ▶ TEACH 1  
**show sb the way** ▶ DIRECTION 3  
**show signs of** ▶ SEEM 1  
**show the way/lead the way**  
 ▶ FIRST 5  
**show up**  
*not turn up/not show up* ▶ MEET 8  
*turn up/show up* ▶ ARRIVE 1, 5  
**show up/turn up** ▶ GO 1  
**show your age** ▶ OLD 4  
**show your appreciation** ▶ THANK 2  
**show-off** ▶ SHOW OFF 2  
**show/express (an) interest**  
 ▶ INTERESTED 1  
**show/express no interest**  
 ▶ INTERESTED 6  
**showbusiness** ▶ PERFORM/  
 PERFORMANCE 7  
**showdown** ▶ ARGUE 4  
**shower** ▶ GIVE 13; PARTY 1; WASH 2;  
 WEATHER 9  
*have a shower* ▶ WASH 2  
**shower/bridal shower** ▶ MARRY 7  
**shred** ▶ CUT 2; TEAR 2  
**shreds**  
*be in shreds* ▶ TEAR 4  
*tear sth to shreds* ▶ CRITICIZE 2  
*tear/rip sth to shreds* ▶ TEAR 2  
**shrewd** ▶ INTELLIGENT 5  
**shriek** ▶ SCREAM 1, 2  
*let out a scream/shriek* ▶ SCREAM 1  
*roar/howl/shriek etc with laughter*  
 ▶ LAUGH 3  
**shrill** ▶ HIGH 7; VOICE 3  
**shrink** ▶ DOCTOR 2; SMALL 6  
**shrivel up** ▶ DRY 3  
**shrivel/shrivel up** ▶ SMALL 6  
**shrouded**  
*be shrouded in mist/smoke etc*  
 ▶ COVER 3  
*be shrouded/veiled in mystery*  
 ▶ MYSTERIOUS 1  
*be veiled in secrecy/shrouded in  
 secrecy/cloaked in secrecy*  
 ▶ SECRET 1  
**shudder** ▶ SHAKE 1, 2  
**shuffle** ▶ WALK 5  
**shun** ▶ REJECT 5  
**shunt** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 7  
**shut** ▶ SHUT 1  
*close/shut* ▶ SHUT 3, 4  
*push/kick/slide etc sth shut* ▶ SHUT 1  
*slide/blow/swing etc shut* ▶ SHUT 4  
**shut down** ▶ COMPUTERS/  
 INTERNET/EMAIL 5  
**shut off/down** ▶ SWITCH ON OR  
 OFF 2, 5  
**shut out** ▶ ENTER 9  
**shut sb up** ▶ QUIET 6  
**shut up** ▶ PRISON 3; QUIET 7; TALK 15  
**shut/close** ▶ SHUT 2  
**shut/close your eyes to** ▶ IGNORE 3  
**shut/closed** ▶ SHUT 7  
**shy** ▶ SHY 1  
**shy away from** ▶ AVOID 4  
**shyness** ▶ SHY 4  
**shyster** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 5

**sick** ▶ ILL/SICK 1  
*be worried sick* ▶ WORRIED/  
 WORRYING 3  
*feel sick* ▶ ILL/SICK 5; SICK/VOMIT 2  
*it makes me sick* ▶ ANGRY 7  
*the sick* ▶ ILL/SICK 7  
**sick of**  
*be sick of* ▶ FED UP 1; BORING/  
 BORED 5  
**sicken** ▶ HORRIBLE 6  
**sickened** ▶ HORRIBLE 5  
*be sickened* ▶ ANGRY 4  
**sickening** ▶ HORRIBLE 4  
**sickly** ▶ ILL/SICK 3; TASTE 3  
**sickness**  
*morning sickness* ▶ SICK/VOMIT 3  
**sicko** ▶ BAD 6  
**side** ▶ CHARACTER 2; EDGE 1; PART 6;  
 PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 4;  
 SIDE 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; SPORT/GAME 6;  
 SURFACE 1  
*at the side of sth/on the side of sth*  
 ▶ NEXT TO 1  
*be on sb's side* ▶ SUPPORT 5  
*by/at sb's side* ▶ NEXT TO 1  
*get on the right side of* ▶ LIKE 9  
*have youth/experience etc on your side*  
 ▶ ADVANTAGE 5  
*on all sides/on every side* ▶ AROUND/  
 ROUND 1  
*on its side* ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 2  
*on the other side* ▶ OPPOSITE 6  
*on the side* ▶ JOB 10  
*see the funny side of* ▶ FUNNY 6  
*the... side* ▶ PART 4  
*the other side* ▶ BACK 5  
*the reverse side* ▶ BACK 5  
*to one side/to the side* ▶ SIDE 6  
**side by side** ▶ NEXT TO 1; WITH/  
 TOGETHER 2  
*live side by side* ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 1  
**side effect** ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 4;  
 RESULT 3  
**side issue** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 3  
**side of the bargain**  
*keep your side of the bargain*  
 ▶ PROMISE 4  
**side of the bed**  
*get up on the wrong side of the bed*  
 ▶ ANGRY 3  
**side street** ▶ ROAD/PATH 1  
**side to side**  
*from side to side* ▶ SIDE 6  
**side with** ▶ SUPPORT 5  
**sidekick** ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 5  
**sideline** ▶ JOB 10  
**sidelines**  
*on the sidelines* ▶ TAKE PART/BE  
 INVOLVED 9  
**sides**  
*not take sides* ▶ FAIR 3  
*on all sides/on every side* ▶ AROUND/  
 ROUND 1  
*take sides* ▶ SUPPORT 5  
**sidestep**  
*dodge/duck/sidestep* ▶ AVOID 4  
**sidetracked**  
*be/get sidetracked* ▶ SUBJECT 7  
**sideways** ▶ SIDE 6  
**sidle up** ▶ TOWARDS 3  
**sieve**  
*have a memory like a sieve*  
 ▶ FORGET 5  
**sigh** ▶ BREATHE 5

**sight** ▶ SEE 1, 4, 13  
*be in sight* ▶ SOON 3  
*catch sight of/catch a glimpse of*  
 ▶ SEE 1  
*come into sight/come into view*  
 ▶ SEE 5; APPEAR 1  
*in sight/within sight* ▶ SEE 5  
*know sb by sight* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
 KNOW 22  
*lose sight of* ▶ SEE 6  
*love at first sight* ▶ LOVE 2  
*out of sight* ▶ DISAPPEAR 2; SEE 6  
**sighted**  
*partially sighted* ▶ SEE 12  
**sights**  
*see the sights* ▶ VISIT 3  
*set your sights on* ▶ WANT/NOT  
 WANT 3  
**sightseeing** ▶ VISIT 3  
**sign** ▶ SIGN 1, 2, 3, 5; WRITE 8  
*be a sign* ▶ SHOW 8  
*make a sign* ▶ SIGN 4  
**sign away** ▶ GIVE 7  
**sign in**  
*log on/log in/sign in* ▶ COMPUTERS/  
 INTERNET/EMAIL 5  
**sign out**  
*log out/log off/sign out*  
 ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 5  
**sign up** ▶ JOB 7; TAKE PART/BE  
 INVOLVED 3  
**signal** ▶ SIGN 3, 4  
*give the signal* ▶ SIGN 4  
**signature** ▶ WRITE 8  
**significance** ▶ MEANING 1  
**significant**  
*insignificant/not significant*  
 ▶ UNIMPORTANT 1  
*substantial/significant* ▶ BIG 5  
**significant/of great significance**  
 ▶ IMPORTANT 1  
**significantly** ▶ LOT 14  
**signs**  
*show signs of* ▶ SEEM 1  
**silence** ▶ QUIET 2, 6; STOP 27;  
 TALK 15  
*in silence* ▶ QUIET 4  
**silent** ▶ QUIET 1, 4; SAY 10; TALK 13  
*fall silent* ▶ QUIET 5; TALK 14  
*keep silent/quiet about* ▶ TALK 16  
*the silent treatment* ▶ TALK 17  
**silhouette** ▶ SHAPE 1  
**silky** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 4  
**silly** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 1  
**silvery** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 5  
**similar** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 1  
**similarity** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 10, 11  
**similarly** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 2  
**simmer** ▶ COOK 2  
**simple** ▶ EASY 1; SIMPLE 1, 2, 5  
**simplicity** ▶ SIMPLE 5  
**simplify** ▶ EASY 6; EXPLAIN 3;  
 SIMPLE 3  
**simplistic** ▶ SIMPLE 4  
**simply/just not** ▶ NOT 2  
**simulated** ▶ ARTIFICIAL 2  
**simultaneously** ▶ TIME 16  
**sin**  
*be a crime/be a sin* ▶ BAD 13  
**since** ▶ BECAUSE 1; SINCE 1; TIME 7  
*ever since* ▶ SINCE 1  
**since/from day one** ▶ BEGINNING 5  
**since/from time immemorial**  
 ▶ ALWAYS 5



**sincere** ▶ HONEST 2; REAL 3  
**sincerely**  
*Yours sincerely* ▶ LETTER 3  
**sincerity** ▶ HONEST 5  
**sing** ▶ SING 1  
**sing sb's praises** ▶ PRAISE 2  
**singe** ▶ BURN 1  
**singer** ▶ SING 3  
**singing** ▶ SING 1  
**single** ▶ MARRY 12  
**single file**  
*in single file* ▶ LINE 10  
**single out** ▶ CHOOSE 3  
**single-handedly/single-handed**  
 ▶ ALONE 2  
**single-minded** ▶ DETERMINED 2  
**single-sex** ▶ SEX 3  
**sinister** ▶ BAD 5  
**sink** ▶ DOWN 3, 4, 5  
*everything but the kitchen sink*  
 ▶ LOT 3  
**sink in** ▶ REALIZE 1; UNDERSTAND/  
 NOT UNDERSTAND 4  
**sink into** ▶ SIT 2  
**sink your teeth into** ▶ BITE 2  
**sip** ▶ DRINK 1  
**Sir**  
*Dear Sir/Sirs/Sir or Madam*  
 ▶ LETTER 2  
**sir** ▶ MAN 4  
**sister**  
*kid sister/brother* ▶ YOUNG 3  
*little sister/brother* ▶ YOUNG 3  
*younger sister/brother* ▶ YOUNG 3  
**sit** ▶ SIT 1, 2, 5; TEST 2  
*stand by/sit by* ▶ DO/NOT DO 13  
**sit around/stand around** ▶ DO/NOT  
 DO 16  
**sit astride** ▶ SIT 3  
**sit back** ▶ SIT 1  
**sit cross-legged** ▶ SIT 3  
**sit down** ▶ SIT 2, 5  
**sit in judgement** ▶ JUDGE 3  
**sit out** ▶ WAIT 1  
**sit tight** ▶ STAY 1  
**sit up** ▶ SIT 1; STRAIGHT 4  
**sit-down** ▶ SIT 6  
**sit-in** ▶ PROTEST 2  
**sit/lounge/laze around** ▶ LAZY 3  
**sitcom** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 4  
**site** ▶ PLACE 1  
*web site* ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
 EMAIL 8  
**sitting duck** ▶ ATTACK 9  
**situated**  
*be located/situated* ▶ PLACE 9  
**situation** ▶ SITUATION 1, 2  
*given the situation/circumstances*  
 ▶ SITUATION 3  
*make the best of it/make the best of a  
 bad situation* ▶ ACCEPT 5  
*no-win situation* ▶ PROBLEM 4  
**sixth form college** ▶ SCHOOL/  
 UNIVERSITY 4  
**sixth sense** ▶ INSTINCT 1  
**sizable**  
*considerable/sizeable/sizable* ▶ BIG 5  
**size** ▶ BIG 8; SIZE 1  
*be a fair size* ▶ BIG 3  
*be the right size* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 1, 3  
*increase in size* ▶ GROW 1  
*not be the right size* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 2

**sizeable**  
*considerable/sizeable/sizable* ▶ BIG 5  
**sizzle** ▶ SOUND 9  
**skeleton in your cupboard**  
 ▶ SECRET 2  
**sketch** ▶ DRAW 1, 2; PICTURE 1  
**sketch out** ▶ SUMMARIZE 4  
**sketchy** ▶ DETAIL 6  
**skid** ▶ SLIDE 1  
**skilful** ▶ GOOD AT 3  
**skill** ▶ CAN/CAN'T 4; GOOD AT 7  
**skilled** ▶ GOOD AT 3  
**skim** ▶ READ 2; TOUCH 3  
**skimp on** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 5  
**skin**  
*be skin and bone* ▶ THIN 5  
*by the skin of your teeth* ▶ JUST 3  
*it's no skin off my nose* ▶ DON'T  
 CARE 2  
**skinflint** ▶ GENEROUS/NOT  
 GENEROUS 3  
**skinny** ▶ THIN 4  
**skint** ▶ MONEY 18; POOR 2  
**skintight** ▶ TIGHT 1  
**skip** ▶ DO/NOT DO 15; JUMP 1  
**skirmish** ▶ WAR 1  
**skive** ▶ WORK HARD 8  
**skive/skive off/bunk off** ▶ GO 3  
**skiver** ▶ LAZY 2  
**skulk**  
*lurk/skulk* ▶ HIDE 2  
**sky**  
*pie in the sky* ▶ HOPE 5  
*the sky's the limit* ▶ LIMIT 6  
**skyscraper** ▶ HIGH 2  
**slab** ▶ PIECE 2  
**slack** ▶ LOOSE 4; WORK HARD 8  
**slacken** ▶ LOOSE 5  
**slag off** ▶ CRITICIZE 4  
**slam** ▶ CRITICIZE 2; SHUT 1, 4  
**slam down** ▶ PUT 3  
**slam into**  
*ram/slam into* ▶ HIT 3  
**slam on the brakes** ▶ STOP 11  
**slam the phone down/slam down  
 the phone** ▶ TELEPHONE 7  
**slang** ▶ LANGUAGE 1, 5  
**slanted** ▶ UNFAIR 3  
**slap** ▶ HIT 1  
*a slap on the wrist* ▶ PUNISH 8  
*smack/slap* ▶ HIT 5  
**slap on** ▶ PUT 7  
**slap-up meal** ▶ MEAL 8  
**slap/clap sb on the back** ▶ HIT 6  
**slapdash/slipshod** ▶ CARELESS 3  
**slash** ▶ CHEAP 6; CUT 1; REDUCE 1  
**slasher film/slasher movie** ▶ FILM/  
 MOVIE 2  
**slate**  
*put sth on the slate* ▶ PAY 8  
**slaughter** ▶ KILL 3, 4, 11  
*crush/slaughter/massacre/annihilate*  
 ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 2  
**slave away** ▶ WORK HARD 2  
**slave driver** ▶ WORK HARD 6  
**slave labour** ▶ EARN 6  
**slavish** ▶ OBEY 4  
**sleek** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 4  
**sleep** ▶ SLEEP 1; SPACE 3  
*can do sth in your sleep* ▶ GOOD AT 3  
*can't get to sleep* ▶ SLEEP 6  
*get sb off to sleep* ▶ SLEEP 10

*get some sleep* ▶ SLEEP 1  
*go to sleep* ▶ FEEL 5; SLEEP 3  
*grab/snatch some sleep* ▶ SLEEP 2  
*have a good sleep* ▶ SLEEP 5  
*have a lie in/sleep late* ▶ WAKE UP/  
 GET UP 4  
*have a sleep* ▶ SLEEP 2  
*have/get a good night's sleep*  
 ▶ SLEEP 5  
*not get much sleep* ▶ SLEEP 6  
*not lose sleep over* ▶ WORRIED/  
 WORRYING 9  
*not sleep a wink* ▶ SLEEP 6  
*put down/put to sleep* ▶ KILL 11  
*put sb to sleep* ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 3  
*put/send sb to sleep* ▶ SLEEP 10  
*send you to sleep* ▶ BORING/BORED 1  
**sleep around** ▶ SEX 6  
**sleep badly/not sleep well**  
 ▶ SLEEP 6  
**sleep in** ▶ SLEEP 7; WAKE UP/GET  
 UP 4  
**sleep like a log** ▶ SLEEP 5  
**sleep off** ▶ SLEEP 7  
**sleep on it** ▶ THINK 1  
**sleep out** ▶ SLEEP 9  
**sleep over** ▶ SLEEP 8  
**sleep rough** ▶ SLEEP 9  
**sleep through** ▶ SLEEP 5  
**sleep well/soundly** ▶ SLEEP 5  
**sleep with sb/sleep together**  
 ▶ SEX 4  
**sleepers**  
*be a heavy/good/sound sleeper*  
 ▶ SLEEP 5  
*light sleeper* ▶ SLEEP 6; WAKE UP/  
 GET UP 5  
**sleepless night** ▶ SLEEP 6  
**sleeplessness** ▶ SLEEP 6  
**sleepy** ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 6;  
 PEACEFUL 1; TIRED/TIRING 2  
**sleet** ▶ WEATHER 10  
**slender** ▶ THIN 2, 9  
**slice** ▶ CUT 2; PIECE 4  
**slice of the cake** ▶ SHARE 5  
**slick** ▶ PERSUADE 9; SLIDE 2  
**slide** ▶ LESS 5; PUT 5; SLIDE 1  
**slight** ▶ SMALL 4; THIN 1  
**slighted** ▶ OFFEND 2  
**slightly** ▶ LITTLE 8, 9  
**slim** ▶ THIN 2, 8  
**slim down** ▶ THIN 7  
**slimy** ▶ FRIENDLY 5  
**sling** ▶ THROW 1  
**slink off/away** ▶ LEAVE 8  
**slip** ▶ DOWN 8; FALL 2; GIVE 1;  
 MISTAKE 1; PIECE 4; SLIDE 1;  
 WORSE 2  
*give sb the slip* ▶ ESCAPE 3  
*let slip* ▶ TELL 12  
*let sth slip through your fingers*  
 ▶ CHANCE 6  
**slip back into** ▶ CONTINUE 10  
**slip in** ▶ ENTER 3  
**slip of the tongue** ▶ MISTAKE 1  
**slip on** ▶ CLOTHES 7  
**slip out/away** ▶ LEAVE 8  
**slip up** ▶ MISTAKE 5  
**slip your mind** ▶ FORGET 1  
**slip-up** ▶ MISTAKE 1  
**slippery** ▶ SLIDE 2  
**slipshod**  
*slapdash/slipshod* ▶ CARELESS 3



- slit** ▶ CUT 1; HOLE 4
- slither** ▶ SLIDE 1
- slob** ▶ UNTIDY 2
- slog**  
*be a slog* ▶ DIFFICULT 3; WORK 6
- slogan** ▶ ADVERTISING 3; WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 3
- slope** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 7
- slope off** ▶ LEAVE 8
- sloping** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 7
- sloppy** ▶ CARELESS 1, 3
- slot** ▶ HOLE 4
- slouch/be slouched** ▶ SIT 1
- slovenly** ▶ UNTIDY 2
- slow** ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 7; SLOW 1, 2  
*make a complete/full/good/slow recovery* ▶ RECOVER 1
- slow down** ▶ SLOW 4
- slow reader** ▶ READ 10
- slow-motion**  
*in slow-motion* ▶ SLOW 1
- slow-moving** ▶ SLOW 1
- slowcoach** ▶ SLOW 1
- slowly** ▶ SLOW 1, 2  
*go slowly* ▶ TIME 24  
*take it slowly/take things slowly* ▶ SLOW 3
- slowly but surely** ▶ SLOW 2
- sluggish** ▶ SLOW 1
- slum** ▶ POOR 6
- slumber** ▶ SLEEP 1
- slump** ▶ FAIL 9; SIT 1
- slur** ▶ CRITICIZE 5; SPEAK 2
- slur/stain on sth** ▶ REPUTATION 3
- slurp** ▶ DRINK 1
- slut** ▶ SEX 6
- sly** ▶ DISHONEST 2; INTELLIGENT 6
- smack in the middle of sth/smack in front of sth** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 4
- smack of** ▶ SEEM 1
- smack/slap** ▶ HIT 5
- small** ▶ SHORT 7; SMALL 1, 3, 4; UNIMPORTANT 1; YOUNG 1  
*a small amount* ▶ LITTLE 1  
*a small amount of sth* ▶ LITTLE 6  
*a small number* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 1  
*be too big/small* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 2  
*the small print* ▶ DETAIL 3  
*the small screen* ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 1
- small fry** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 4
- small talk** ▶ TALK 1, 5
- smaller**  
*get smaller* ▶ SMALL 6
- smarmy** ▶ FRIENDLY 5
- smart** ▶ ADVANCED 1; INTELLIGENT 8; WELL-DRESSED 1  
*not very bright/intelligent/clever/smart* ▶ STUPID/SILLY 5
- smart aleck** ▶ INTELLIGENT 7
- smart-ass/wise guy** ▶ INTELLIGENT 7
- smarten yourself up** ▶ WELL-DRESSED 2
- smash** ▶ BREAK 5, 6  
*crash/smash into* ▶ HIT 3
- smash up** ▶ DAMAGE 2
- smashed/plastered/trashed** ▶ DRUNK 3
- smattering**  
*have a smattering of* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 7; SPEAK 4
- smear** ▶ SPREAD 7
- smear campaign** ▶ LIE 4; SPOIL 5; REPUTATION 3
- smell** ▶ SMELL 1, 3, 5, 7, 8  
*have a good/bad etc smell* ▶ SMELL 8  
*sense of smell* ▶ SMELL 7
- smell a rat** ▶ SUSPECT 1
- smell nice/good** ▶ SMELL 4
- smelly** ▶ SMELL 5
- smile** ▶ SMILE 1, 3  
*break into a smile/grin* ▶ SMILE 1  
*force a smile* ▶ SMILE 1
- smiles**  
*be all smiles* ▶ SMILE 1
- smirk** ▶ SMILE 2, 3
- smoke** ▶ SMOKING 1  
*be shrouded in mist/smoke etc* ▶ COVER 3  
*don't smoke* ▶ SMOKING 4
- smoke a lot/smoke heavily** ▶ SMOKING 2
- smoke like a chimney** ▶ SMOKING 2
- smoke-free** ▶ SMOKING 4
- smoker** ▶ SMOKING 3  
*heavy smoker* ▶ SMOKING 3
- smokescreen** ▶ HIDE 10
- smoking** ▶ SMOKING 1  
*no smoking/parking etc* ▶ FORBID 2  
*stop smoking* ▶ SMOKING 4
- smooch** ▶ KISS 2
- smooth** ▶ COMFORTABLE/UNCOMFORTABLE 3; EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 1; FLAT/NOT FLAT 1, 3; LIQUID 4; POLITE 6
- smooth the way** ▶ EASY 6
- smooth-talking** ▶ PERSUADE 9
- smoothly**  
*go smoothly* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 4
- smother** ▶ BURN 4; FIRE 5
- smoulder** ▶ BURN 6
- smudge** ▶ MARK 1
- smug** ▶ PROUD 2
- smut** ▶ SEX 17
- snack** ▶ EAT 2; MEAL 10  
*have a snack* ▶ EAT 2
- snag** ▶ PROBLEM 1
- snail**  
*at a snail's pace* ▶ SLOW 1
- snailmail** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 10
- snake-oil salesman/peddler** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 5
- snap** ▶ BREAK 3, 4; CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 14; PICTURE 3; SUDDENLY 2  
*cold snap* ▶ COLD 1
- snap at** ▶ BITE 2
- snap out of it** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 13
- snap up** ▶ BUY 1
- snarl** ▶ SAY 9
- snatch** ▶ STEAL 3; TAKE 11  
*grab/snatch* ▶ TAKE 9  
*grab/snatch at* ▶ TAKE 12  
*grab/snatch some sleep* ▶ SLEEP 2
- snazzy** ▶ WELL-DRESSED 1
- sneak** ▶ WALK 8
- sneak in** ▶ ENTER 3
- sneak off/away/out** ▶ LEAVE 8
- sneaking**  
*have a sneaking suspicion* ▶ SUSPECT 1
- sneaky** ▶ DISHONEST 2
- sneer** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 1; SMILE 2, 3
- snide** ▶ UNKIND 2
- sniff** ▶ BREATHE 5; SMELL 7
- sniffle**  
*snivel/sniffle* ▶ CRY 1
- snigger** ▶ LAUGH 2
- snip** ▶ CUT 1  
*be a snip* ▶ CHEAP 5
- snip off** ▶ CUT 7
- sniper** ▶ SHOOT 7
- snitch** ▶ STEAL 11
- snivel/sniffle** ▶ CRY 1
- snob** ▶ CLASS 9; PROUD 3
- snobbish** ▶ CLASS 9; PROUD 3
- snog** ▶ KISS 2, 3
- snoop** ▶ FIND OUT 6
- snooze** ▶ SLEEP 2
- snore** ▶ BREATHE 5
- snort** ▶ BREATHE 5
- snotty** ▶ PROUD 3
- snow** ▶ WEATHER 10, 10
- snowball** ▶ INCREASE 3
- snowed under**  
*be snowed under* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 1
- snowing**  
*it's snowing* ▶ WEATHER 10
- snub** ▶ IGNORE 2; REJECT 5
- snug** ▶ COMFORTABLE/UNCOMFORTABLE 1, 2
- so** ▶ SO/THEREFORE 1; VERY 1  
*or so* ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 1  
*so big/tall/old etc (that)* ▶ SO/THEREFORE 1
- so (that)** ▶ IN ORDER TO 1
- so far** ▶ NOW 3
- so long** ▶ GOODBYE 1
- so much** ▶ LOT 14
- so that/with the result that** ▶ SO/THEREFORE 1
- so-and-so** ▶ NAME 8
- so-called** ▶ NAME 10
- so-so** ▶ BAD 3
- soak** ▶ WET 4
- soak/leave sth to soak** ▶ WASH 6
- soaked** ▶ WET 1
- soaking**  
*be soaking* ▶ WET 1
- soaking/sopping/dripping wet** ▶ WET 1
- soap opera/soap** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 4
- soar** ▶ INCREASE 4; UP 3
- soaring** ▶ HIGH 8
- sob** ▶ CRY 1
- sob story**  
*hard-luck story/sob story* ▶ SYMPATHIZE 8
- sober** ▶ DRUNK 9; SERIOUS 6
- sober up** ▶ DRUNK 9
- sociable** ▶ FRIENDLY 2
- social** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 2
- social climber** ▶ CLASS 8
- Social Security** ▶ MONEY 7
- society** ▶ ORGANIZATION 4; PERSON/PEOPLE 2
- sodden** ▶ WET 1
- soft** ▶ BRIGHT 4; QUIET 3; SOFT 1, 2; STRICT/NOT STRICT 8  
*get soft* ▶ SOFT 5
- soft drink** ▶ DRINK 7



**soft spot**

*have a soft spot for* ▶ LIKE 7

**soft touch**

*be a soft touch* ▶ PERSUADE 10

**soften** ▶ SOFT 5; STRICT/NOT STRICT 7

**software** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 2

**software developer/engineer/designer** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 3

**soggy** ▶ WET 1

**soil** ▶ COUNTRY 3; DIRTY 4; LAND/GROUND 5

**soldier** ▶ ARMY 2

**soldier on** ▶ CONTINUE 3

**sole** ▶ ONLY 1

**solemn** ▶ SERIOUS 7

**solid** ▶ CONTINUE 5; HARD 1; PURE 1; STRONG 4

**solid/concrete** ▶ REAL 6

**solidarity** ▶ LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 2; UNITE 3

**solidify** ▶ HARD 3

**solitary** ▶ ALONE 3; ONLY 1

**solitude** ▶ ALONE 1

**solo** ▶ ALONE 2

**soloist** ▶ MUSIC 4

**soluble** ▶ LIQUID 5

**solution** ▶ ANSWER 8; MIX 3; SOLVE 2  
*find/come up with a solution* ▶ SOLVE 1

**solve** ▶ ANSWER 10; FIND OUT 7; SOLVE 1, 5

**solvent** ▶ OWE 8

**sombre** ▶ SERIOUS 7

**some** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 2; SOME/SEVERAL 1, 2, 3  
*quite a/some* ▶ UNUSUAL 2  
*some distance/quite a distance/a good distance* ▶ FAR 1

**some day**

*one day/some day* ▶ FUTURE 2

**some people have all the luck** ▶ LUCKY 1

**some time** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 3

**somehow** ▶ WAY 6

**someone/somebody** ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 1

**someplace** ▶ PLACE 5

**something** ▶ THING 1  
*twenty-/thirty-/forty-something* ▶ AGE 2, 6

**something about**

*there's something about sb*

▶ CHARACTER 2

*there's something about sth*

▶ CHARACTER 6

**something against**

*have something against* ▶ DISLIKE 2

**something goes wrong** ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 4

**something in**

*there's something in sth* ▶ TRUE 4

**something like** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 2

**something on**

*have something on* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 8

**something to do** ▶ DO/NOT DO 8

**something to do with**

*have/be something to do with*

▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 1

**something to do/some work to do**

▶ WORK 10

**something to drink** ▶ DRINK 4

**something to eat** ▶ FOOD 1; MEAL 1

*feel like something to eat/want*

*something to eat* ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 1

*grab something/a bite to eat* ▶ EAT 2

*have something to eat* ▶ EAT 2

**something wrong with**

*there's something wrong with*

▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 3;

ILLNESS/DISEASE 2

**something/anything/nothing to wear** ▶ CLOTHES 1

**something/somewhere in the region of** ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 2

**sometimes** ▶ SOMETIMES 1

**somewhat** ▶ FAIRLY/QUITE 1

**somewhere** ▶ PLACE 5

*something/somewhere in the region of* ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 2

**somewhere else** ▶ PLACE 6

**somewhere to live** ▶ HOUSE 3

**son** ▶ CHILD 2

**son-in-law**

*mother-in-law/son-in-law etc*

▶ FAMILY 5

**song** ▶ MUSIC 2

*burst into song* ▶ SING 1

**songwriter** ▶ MUSIC 6; WRITE 12

**soon** ▶ SOON 1

*as soon as/the moment (that)*

▶ IMMEDIATELY 2

*not a moment too soon* ▶ ON TIME 3

*too soon* ▶ EARLY 2

**sooner**

*no sooner...than* ▶ IMMEDIATELY 2

*would sooner do sth* ▶ PREFER 2

**sooner or later** ▶ FINALLY 1

**soothe** ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB FEEL BETTER 1

**soothing** ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB FEEL BETTER 2

**sophisticated** ▶ ADVANCED 1; EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 5; FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 5; STYLE/ELEGANCE 2

**sophistication** ▶ STYLE/ELEGANCE 1

**sophomore** ▶ CLASS 1

**sopping**

*soaking/sopping/dripping wet*

▶ WET 1

**soppy** ▶ FEEL 11, 12

**sore** ▶ PAIN 2

**sore thumb**

*stick/stand out like a sore thumb*

▶ DIFFERENT 4; OBVIOUS 2

**sorrow** ▶ SAD 8

**sorrows**

*drown your sorrows* ▶ DRUNK 4

**sorry**

*be sorry/feel sorry* ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 1

*feel sorry for* ▶ SYMPATHIZE 1

*feel sorry for yourself* ▶ SAD 6

*I'm sorry* ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 6; SYMPATHIZE 4

*not be sorry* ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 5

*say sorry* ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 1

*say you are sorry* ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 1

*sb will be sorry* ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 4

*sorry?/pardon?* ▶ REPEAT 6

**sorry/I'm sorry** ▶ SORRY/APOLOGIZE 2

**sort** ▶ GROUP 13; SOLVE 1  
*type/kind/sort* ▶ TYPE 1

**sort itself out** ▶ SOLVE 3

**sort of**

*kind of/sort of* ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 4

**sort out** ▶ DEAL WITH 2; ORGANIZE 1; SOLVE 1; TIDY 2

**soul**

*not a soul* ▶ PERSON/PEOPLE 7

*not breathe a word/not tell a soul* ▶ TELL 13

*pour out your heart/soul* ▶ TELL 8

**soul-destroying** ▶ BORING/BORED 1

**sound** ▶ LOGICAL 1; SEEM 1; SOUND 1, 2

*make a sound/make a noise*

▶ SOUND 3

*not like the look/sound of*

▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 1

*not make a sound* ▶ QUIET 4

*of sound mind* ▶ MENTALLY ILL 4

*without a sound* ▶ QUIET 4

**sound out** ▶ ASK 1

**sound/raise the alarm** ▶ WARN 1

**soundly**

*sleep well/soundly* ▶ SLEEP 5

**sour** ▶ FRESH/NOT FRESH 2; SPOIL 3; TASTE 5

*turn sour* ▶ UNFRIENDLY 3

**sour grapes** ▶ JEALOUS 2

**source** ▶ COME FROM 5, 7; TELL 10

**sovereign** ▶ INDEPENDENT 7

**sow** ▶ GROW 4

**space** ▶ AREA 6; EMPTY 4; SPACE 1, 5  
*breathing space* ▶ PAUSE 3  
*clear a space* ▶ SPACE 2

**space of time**

*a short/brief space of time* ▶ TIME 9

**spaced**

*evenly spaced* ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 3

**spacious/roomy** ▶ BIG 3

**spade**

*call a spade a spade* ▶ HONEST 4

**spam** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 10

**span** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 2  
*attention span* ▶ ATTENTION 1  
*spick and span* ▶ CLEAN 1

**spank** ▶ HIT 5

**spanner**

*throw a spanner in the works*

▶ SPOIL 2

**spare** ▶ ANOTHER 1; AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 1; GIVE 1; MORE 1; NEED/NECESSARY 8; REMAIN 2  
*can spare* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 3  
*to spare* ▶ REMAIN 1  
*with time to spare* ▶ EARLY 1

**spare no expense** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 2

**spare time** ▶ FREE 10

**spare tyre** ▶ FAT 5

**spark**

*trigger/spark* ▶ CAUSE 3

**spark off** ▶ START 13



**sparkle** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 2  
**sparkling** ▶ DRINK 5  
**sparse** ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 1  
**spartan** ▶ COMFORTABLE/  
UNCOMFORTABLE 6; SIMPLE 5  
**spasm** ▶ PAIN 1  
**spat** ▶ ARGUE 5  
**spate of sth** ▶ LOT 5  
**speak** ▶ LANGUAGE 5; SPEAK 1, 3;  
TALK 1, 18  
*can't speak* ▶ SPEAK 8  
*no ... to speak of* ▶ LITTLE 2  
**speak for** ▶ REPRESENT 1  
**speak highly of** ▶ PRAISE 1  
**speak the same language**  
▶ SAME 11  
**speak to** ▶ TALK 2  
**speak your mind** ▶ HONEST 4; SAY 4  
**speaker** ▶ SPEAK 3; TALK 19  
*native speaker* ▶ LANGUAGE 3  
**speaking**  
*not be talking/speaking* ▶ TALK 17  
*public speaking* ▶ TALK 18  
**speaking terms**  
*not be on speaking terms* ▶ TALK 17  
**speaks for itself** ▶ OBVIOUS 2  
**special** ▶ BETTER 1; CHEAP 7;  
DIFFERENT 6; NORMAL/ORDINARY 6;  
SPECIAL 1; UNUSUAL 1, 2  
*nothing special* ▶ BAD 3  
**special needs** ▶ DISABLED 1  
**special offer** ▶ CHEAP 7  
**special/particular** ▶ ESPECIALLY 1  
**specialist** ▶ DOCTOR 1; KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 4  
**speciality/specialty** ▶ FOOD 2  
**specialize in** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 3  
**specially** ▶ DIFFERENT 6;  
ESPECIALLY 1; SPECIAL 1  
**species** ▶ TYPE 2  
*endangered species*  
▶ ENVIRONMENT 5  
**specific**  
*be more specific/be more explicit*  
▶ DETAIL 7  
**specifically** ▶ DETAIL 7  
**specifics** ▶ DETAIL 2  
**specify** ▶ DETAIL 4  
**speck** ▶ PIECE 5  
**spectacle** ▶ SEE 4  
**spectacular** ▶ IMPRESS 4  
**spectator** ▶ SPORT/GAME 11;  
WATCH 6  
**spectre** ▶ GHOST 1  
**spectrum** ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT  
KINDS 5  
**speculate** ▶ GUESS 1; RISK 5  
**speculation** ▶ GUESS 5; RUMOUR 1  
**speculative** ▶ GUESS 5  
**speech** ▶ SPEAK 5, 7; TALK 18  
**speechless** ▶ SAY 10; SHOCKED/  
SHOCKING 2; SURPRISED/  
SURPRISING 3  
**speed** ▶ FAST 4; SPEED 1  
*at breakneck speed* ▶ FAST 1  
*at high speed* ▶ FAST 1  
*at low speed* ▶ SLOW 1  
*at speed* ▶ FAST 1  
*at top speed* ▶ FAST 1  
*pick up/gather speed* ▶ FAST 5  
*reduce speed* ▶ SLOW 4  
**speed up** ▶ FAST 5  
**speedy** ▶ FAST 3

**spell** ▶ MAGIC 1; SHOW 12; TIME 12;  
WRITE 7  
*be under sb's spell* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 8  
*cold spell* ▶ COLD 1  
**spell out** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 2  
**spellbinding** ▶ INTERESTING 2  
**spellbound** ▶ INTERESTED 2  
**spelling** ▶ WRITE 7  
**spend** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 1, 10  
**spend a lot** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 2  
**spend money like water/like  
there's no tomorrow** ▶ SPEND  
MONEY/TIME 3  
**spender**  
*big spender* ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 6  
**spending spree**  
*go on a spending spree* ▶ SPEND  
MONEY/TIME 2  
**spending/expenditure** ▶ SPEND  
MONEY/TIME 9  
**spendthrift** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 6  
**sphere** ▶ AREA 9; ROUND 3  
**spherical** ▶ ROUND 1  
**spick and span** ▶ CLEAN 1  
**spicy** ▶ TASTE 6  
**spiky** ▶ SHARP 1  
**spill** ▶ FALL 7; POUR 1  
**spill over** ▶ SPREAD 2  
**spill the beans** ▶ TELL 11  
**spin** ▶ PERSUADE 5; TURN 1, 3, 4  
**spin around** ▶ TURN 6  
**spin doctor** ▶ POLITICS 2  
**spin out** ▶ LONG 12  
**spin-off** ▶ RESULT 3  
**spine**  
*send shivers down your spine*  
▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 4  
**spine-chilling** ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
FRIGHTENING 5  
**spineless** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 6  
**spinster** ▶ MARRY 12  
**spiral** ▶ INCREASE 4; TURN 1  
**spirit** ▶ DETERMINED 5; GHOST 1;  
UNITE 3  
*break sb's spirit/resolve/will etc*  
▶ DESTROY 4  
*get/enter into the spirit* ▶ TAKE PART/  
BE INVOLVED 2  
**spirits**  
*high spirits* ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 6  
*raise/lift sb's spirits* ▶ HAPPY 5  
**spiritual** ▶ RELIGION 4  
**spit**  
*out with it/spit it out* ▶ TELL 15  
**spite** ▶ CRUEL 3  
*cut off your nose to spite your face*  
▶ HARM 2  
*in spite of/despite* ▶ ALTHOUGH 2  
**spiteful** ▶ CRUEL 3; UNKIND 1  
**spitting**  
*be the spitting image of* ▶ LIKE/  
SIMILAR 4  
**splash** ▶ SOUND 14; WET 4  
**splash out on** ▶ BUY 1  
**splendid** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 5  
**splinter** ▶ BREAK 6; PIECE 6  
**splinter group** ▶ GROUP 7  
**split** ▶ BREAK 3, 4; DISAGREE 3, 5;  
HOLE 4; SEPARATE 2, 3; SHARE 3, 4;  
TEAR 1, 3  
*be divided/split* ▶ DISAGREE 3  
**split from** ▶ SEPARATE 8

**split hairs** ▶ ARGUE 2  
**split up** ▶ DIVORCE 1; SEPARATE 7;  
SPREAD 6  
**spoil** ▶ KIND 3; SPOIL 1, 2, 3, 4  
**spoil sb's image** ▶ SPOIL 5  
**spoiled** ▶ BAD 7  
**spoiler** ▶ SPOIL 6  
**spoiling**  
*be looking/spoiling for a fight/itching  
for a fight* ▶ FIGHT 2  
**spoilsport** ▶ SPOIL 6  
**spoken** ▶ SPEAK 6  
**spokesman/spokeswoman**  
▶ REPRESENT 2  
**spokesperson** ▶ REPRESENT 2  
**spokeswoman**  
*spokesman/spokeswoman*  
▶ REPRESENT 2  
**spongy** ▶ SOFT 1  
**sponsor** ▶ PAY 11  
**sponsorship** ▶ MONEY 9  
**spontaneous** ▶ PLAN 10  
**spoof** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 3  
**spooky** ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
FRIGHTENING 5; GHOST 2  
**spoonfeed** ▶ EASY 6  
**sporadic** ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 2  
**sport** ▶ SPORT/GAME 1, 2  
**sporting** ▶ SPORT/GAME 3  
**sports** ▶ SPORT/GAME 3  
*the TV page/the sports pages etc*  
▶ NEWSPAPERS 2  
**sportsman/sportswoman** ▶ PLAY  
A GAME OR SPORT 3; SPORT/GAME 5  
**spot** ▶ AREA 8; MARK 1; NOTICE/NOT  
NOTICE 1; PLACE 1, 2; SEE 1  
*be in a tight spot/corner*  
▶ PROBLEM 7  
*be on the spot* ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 3  
*beauty spot* ▶ BEAUTIFUL 6  
*blind spot* ▶ SEE 6  
*high point/spot* ▶ EXCITED/  
EXCITING 5  
*on the spot* ▶ IMMEDIATELY 3  
*on this (very) spot* ▶ HERE/NOT  
HERE 1  
*put sb on the spot* ▶ ASK 1  
**spot on**  
*be spot on* ▶ RIGHT 2  
**spotlessly clean/spotless**  
▶ CLEAN 1  
**spotlight**  
*be in the spotlight/limelight*  
▶ FAMOUS 2  
**spouse** ▶ MARRY 10  
**sprain** ▶ HURT/INJURE 2, 5  
**sprawl**  
*urban sprawl* ▶ TOWN 3  
**sprawl/sprawl out** ▶ LIE 1  
**sprawled/sprawled out** ▶ LIE 2  
**sprawling** ▶ SPREAD 5  
**spread** ▶ MEAL 8;  
SPREAD 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7  
*middle-age spread* ▶ FAT 5  
**spread out** ▶ SPREAD 5, 6  
**spread/spread out** ▶ SPREAD 8  
**spreadeagled** ▶ LIE 2  
**spring**  
*come to mind/spring to mind*  
▶ THINK 7  
**spring up** ▶ START 11  
**spring-clean** ▶ CLEAN 4  
**springy** ▶ SOFT 1



**sprinkle** ▶ POUR 1  
**sprinkling**  
*it's sprinkling* ▶ WEATHER 9  
**sprint** ▶ RUN 1, 2  
**spruce (yourself) up/get spruced up** ▶ WELL-DRESSED 2  
**spruce yourself up/get spruced up** ▶ WASH 1; WELL-DRESSED 2  
**spur of the moment**  
*on the spur of the moment* ▶ SUDDENLY 1  
**spurt** ▶ FLOW 1  
**spy** ▶ SPY 1, 2  
**spy on sb** ▶ WATCH 5  
**squabble** ▶ ARGUE 2, 5  
**squad** ▶ PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 4  
**squalid** ▶ DIRTY 2  
**squander** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 3; WASTE 1  
**square**  
*be round/square/rectangular etc* ▶ SHAPE 2  
**squash** ▶ SQUASH 1; STOP 17  
**squashed** ▶ SQUASH 2  
**squashy** ▶ SOFT 3  
**squat** ▶ SHORT 7; SIT 3  
**squatter** ▶ LIVE 5  
**squeak** ▶ SOUND 4  
**squeaky** ▶ HIGH 7; VOICE 3  
**squeal** ▶ SCREAM 1, 2  
**squeeze** ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 4; PRESS 1, 3; PUSH 4  
*a tight squeeze* ▶ SPACE 4  
*be a squeeze* ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 4  
*get sth out of/squeeze sth out of* ▶ GET 10  
**quelch** ▶ SOUND 14  
**quint** ▶ LOOK 5  
**quirm** ▶ EMBARRASSED/ EMBARRASSING 1; MOVE/NOT MOVE 4  
**quirt** ▶ FLOW 1  
**squishy** ▶ SOFT 3  
**stab** ▶ ATTACK 1; CUT 1  
*beat/kick/stab etc sb to death* ▶ KILL 1  
**stab sb in the back** ▶ BETRAY 1  
**stable** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 22  
**stack** ▶ GROUP 12; PUT 4  
**stacked**  
*the odds are stacked (heavily) against you* ▶ DISADVANTAGE 3  
*the odds are stacked in sb's favour* ▶ ADVANTAGE 5  
**stacks**  
*piles/heaps/stacks* ▶ LOT 1  
**stadium** ▶ SPORT/GAME 7  
**staff** ▶ WORK FOR SB 4  
*be on the staff* ▶ WORK FOR SB 1  
*member of staff/staff member* ▶ WORK FOR SB 3  
*sales staff* ▶ SELL 4  
**stag night** ▶ MARRY 7  
**stage** ▶ PART 5; PERFORM/ PERFORMANCE 4  
*at one stage* ▶ ONCE 1; PAST 5  
*at that stage* ▶ THEN 2, 3  
*go on the stage* ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 2  
**stage name** ▶ NAME 3  
**stage-manage** ▶ ARRANGE 5  
**stagger** ▶ WALK 6  
**staggering** ▶ SURPRISED/ SURPRISING 5

**stagnate** ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 3  
**stain** ▶ MARK 1, 2  
*leave a mark/leave a stain* ▶ MARK 2  
*slur/stain on sth* ▶ REPUTATION 3  
**stake** ▶ SHARE 5  
*be at stake* ▶ RISK 7  
*have a stake in* ▶ OWN 1  
**stake sth on** ▶ RISK 5  
**stake your claim** ▶ OWN 5  
**stale** ▶ FRESH/NOT FRESH 2; SMELL 5; USE 13  
**stalemate** ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 5  
*deadlock/stalemate* ▶ DISAGREE 4  
**stalk** ▶ FOLLOW 2  
**stalker** ▶ FOLLOW 2  
**stall** ▶ DELAY 3; SHOP/STORE 2  
**stamina** ▶ STRONG 3  
**stammer/stutter** ▶ SPEAK 2  
**stamp on** ▶ STAND 4  
**stamp out** ▶ STOP 20  
**stamp your foot** ▶ ANGRY 10  
**stance** ▶ OPINION 5  
**stand** ▶ PLACE 8, 9; PUT 8; STAND 1  
*as things stand/the way things stand* ▶ SITUATION 3  
*can stand* ▶ STAND 5  
*can't stand* ▶ HATE 1, 2; STAND 7  
*make a stand* ▶ FIGHT 8  
*where sb stands* ▶ OPINION 5  
**stand a chance**  
*not stand a chance/not have a hope* ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 1  
**stand a good chance**  
*have/stand a good chance* ▶ PROBABLY 5  
**stand around**  
*sit around/stand around* ▶ DO/NOT DO 16  
**stand by** ▶ WAIT 1  
**stand by/sit by** ▶ DO/NOT DO 13  
**stand by/stick by** ▶ LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 1  
**stand by/stick to** ▶ PROMISE 4  
**stand firm** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 28  
**stand for** ▶ MEANING 3; SHORT 6  
**stand in for** ▶ REPLACE 2  
**stand in sb's way**  
*not stand in sb's way* ▶ LET/ALLOW 5  
**stand much chance**  
*not stand/have much chance of* ▶ PROBABLY 9  
**stand on end**  
*make your hair stand on end* ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 4  
**stand on your own two feet** ▶ INDEPENDENT 3  
**stand out** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 4  
*it sticks/stands out a mile* ▶ OBVIOUS 2  
*stick/stand out like a sore thumb* ▶ DIFFERENT 4; OBVIOUS 2  
**stand over** ▶ WATCH 2  
**stand sth on end** ▶ VERTICAL 2  
**stand to attention** ▶ STAND 3  
**stand to do sth** ▶ STAND 2  
**stand together** ▶ UNITE 2  
**stand trial** ▶ COURT/TRIAL 5  
**stand up** ▶ MEET 8; STAND 1, 2; VERTICAL 2  
*not stand up* ▶ LOGICAL 4

**stand up for** ▶ DEFEND 3  
**stand up straight** ▶ STAND 3  
**stand up to** ▶ FIGHT 8  
**stand your ground** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 28  
**stand-in** ▶ REPLACE 3  
**stand-offish/standoffish** ▶ UNFRIENDLY 2  
**stand/hold up** ▶ TRUE 2  
**stand/take no nonsense** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 3  
**stand/wait in line** ▶ WAIT 5  
**stand/wait/be in line** ▶ LINE 11  
**standard** ▶ GOOD 7; JUDGE 7; LEVEL 2; NORMAL/ORDINARY 1  
*of a higher standard/of higher quality* ▶ BETTER 1  
**standard practice** ▶ USUALLY 4  
**standardize** ▶ SAME 7  
**standards** ▶ GOOD 12  
*come up to sb's standards/expectations etc* ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 2  
*double standards* ▶ UNFAIR 2  
**standby**  
*be on standby* ▶ READY/NOT READY 3  
**standing** ▶ POSITION/RANK 1; REPUTATION 1  
*be still standing/be left standing* ▶ REMAIN 1  
*leave sb standing* ▶ BETTER 2; FAST 7  
**standing by**  
*be standing by* ▶ READY/NOT READY 3  
**standing on your head**  
*can do sth with your eyes shut/standing on your head/blindfolded* ▶ EASY 4  
**standing ovation** ▶ CLAP 1  
**standoffish**  
*stand-offish/standoffish* ▶ UNFRIENDLY 2  
**standpoint** ▶ OPINION 2  
**standstill**  
*be at a standstill* ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 11  
*bring sth to a standstill* ▶ STOP 18  
*come to a standstill/grind to a halt* ▶ STOP 11  
**star** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 1, 4, 5; BEST 2; FAMOUS 5  
*film star* ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 1  
*rising star* ▶ FAMOUS 3  
**stardom** ▶ FAMOUS 4  
**stare** ▶ LOOK 2  
**staring**  
*be staring sb in the face* ▶ OBVIOUS 2  
**stark** ▶ SIMPLE 5  
**start** ▶ BEGINNING 1; START 1, 13, 16; SWITCH ON OR OFF 1  
*at the beginning/start* ▶ BEGINNING 2  
*before I start* ▶ FIRST 3  
*false start* ▶ START 9  
*from start to finish* ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 2  
*from start to finish/from beginning to end* ▶ ALWAYS 3  
*from the beginning/start* ▶ BEGINNING 5  
*get off to a bad start* ▶ START 9  
*get off to a flying start* ▶ START 8  
*get/start/set the ball rolling* ▶ START 13  
*have a head start* ▶ ADVANTAGE 5



*make a good start/get off to a good start* ▶ START 8  
*the start* ▶ BEGINNING 6  
*to start with/to begin with* ▶ BEGINNING 2; FIRST 3  
**start a fight** ▶ FIGHT 2  
**start a fire** ▶ FIRE 4  
**start afresh/make a fresh start/make a new start** ▶ START 7  
**start again** ▶ CONTINUE 8, 10  
**start an argument** ▶ ARGUE 3  
**start by/begin by** ▶ START 2  
**start crying/start to cry** ▶ CRY 2  
**start for** ▶ START 4  
**start off** ▶ START 4  
*get/start off on the wrong foot* ▶ START 9  
**start on** ▶ START 1  
**start over** ▶ START 7  
**start sb on** ▶ START 6  
**start up** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 5  
**start with/begin with** ▶ START 2  
**start-up** ▶ COMPANY 1; NEW 9  
**start/begin** ▶ START 5, 10  
**start/start up** ▶ START 15  
**started**  
*get sth started/going* ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 1  
**starter** ▶ MEAL 11  
**starting**  
*from/as from/as of/starting* ▶ AFTER 3  
**starting from** ▶ SINCE 1  
**starting point** ▶ BEGINNING 1  
**startle** ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 4  
**startled** ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 1  
**startling** ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 5  
**starts**  
*by/in fits and starts* ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 2  
**starvation** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 6  
**starve** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 5  
**starved**  
*be starved of* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 7  
**starving** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 5  
**starving/ravenous/famished** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 1  
**stash** ▶ HIDE 1; PUT 9  
**state** ▶ CONDITION 1; COUNTRY 1; PUBLIC 2; SAY 2  
*be in a state* ▶ UPSET 1  
*be in a state of shock* ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 1  
*be in flux/be in a state of flux* ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 2  
*head of state* ▶ LEADER 1  
*police state* ▶ GOVERNMENT 4  
*the state* ▶ GOVERNMENT 1  
**state of affairs** ▶ SITUATION 1  
**state of play** ▶ SITUATION 1  
**state of the art** ▶ MODERN 1  
**state-of-the-art** ▶ ADVANCED 1  
**statement** ▶ SAY 11  
*make/issue a statement* ▶ SAY 2  
**statesman/stateswoman** ▶ POLITICS 2  
**station** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 6  
**stationary** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 11

**stationed**  
*be stationed* ▶ SEND 3  
**statistics** ▶ NUMBER 2  
**stature** ▶ REPUTATION 1; TALL 2  
**status** ▶ CLASS 4; POSITION/RANK 1  
**statute** ▶ LAW 1  
**statute book**  
*get onto/reach the statute book* ▶ LAW 5  
**statutory** ▶ LEGAL 2  
**staunch** ▶ LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 1  
**stay** ▶ CONTINUE 11, 12;  
 STAY 1, 2, 5, 9  
*a place to stay/somewhere to stay* ▶ STAY 7  
*have sb to stay/have sb staying* ▶ STAY 8  
**stay (in) after school** ▶ STAY 3  
**stay (right) where you are** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 12  
**stay afloat** ▶ SURVIVE 2  
**stay alive** ▶ ALIVE 2; SURVIVE 1  
**stay away from/keep away from** ▶ NEAR 11  
**stay away/keep away** ▶ AVOID 3  
**stay back**  
*keep back/stay back* ▶ NEAR 11  
**stay close/keep close** ▶ NEAR 10  
**stay cool/keep cool** ▶ CALM 1  
**stay fresh** ▶ LAST 6  
**stay in** ▶ STAY 1  
**stay in bed** ▶ WAKE UP/GET UP 4  
**stay in touch**  
*keep/stay in touch* ▶ CONTACT 2; WRITE 4  
**stay late** ▶ STAY 3  
**stay on** ▶ STAY 2, 3  
**stay out of trouble** ▶ BEHAVE 2  
**stay put** ▶ STAY 1, 2  
**stay still**  
*keep/stay still* ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 12  
**stay the same** ▶ SAME 5  
**stay up** ▶ SLEEP 11  
**stay with** ▶ REMEMBER 4  
**stay/keep out of it** ▶ INTERFERE 3  
**staying power** ▶ STRONG 3  
**steadfast** ▶ DETERMINED 6  
**steady** ▶ BALANCE 1, 2; CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 22  
*go steady* ▶ GIRLFRIEND/BOYFRIEND 2  
**steady your nerves** ▶ CALM 3  
**steal** ▶ COPY 3; STEAL 1  
**steam** ▶ COOK 2  
*run out of steam* ▶ TIRED/TIRING 5  
*under your own steam* ▶ INDEPENDENT 4  
**steaming/steaming hot** ▶ HOT 2  
**steamy** ▶ SEX 16  
**steel yourself** ▶ PREPARE 3  
**steep** ▶ EXPENSIVE 4  
**steer** ▶ DRIVE 1  
**steer clear of** ▶ AVOID 3; TALK 16  
**stem from** ▶ RESULT 4  
**stench** ▶ SMELL 3  
**step** ▶ DO/NOT DO 10; PART 5; PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 4; WALK 16  
*a step backwards* ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 5  
*be out of step/sync* ▶ DIFFERENT 4  
*in step* ▶ WALK 13  
*intervene/step in* ▶ DO/NOT DO 9

**step back** ▶ BACK 2  
**step on it** ▶ HURRY 2  
**step on/in** ▶ STAND 4  
**step out of line** ▶ BEHAVE 3  
**step up** ▶ INCREASE 8  
**stepmother/stepson/stepsister etc** ▶ FAMILY 5  
**stepping stone** ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 4  
**steps** ▶ DANCE 2  
*take steps/take measures* ▶ DO/NOT DO 9  
**stereotype** ▶ TYPE 4; TYPICAL 1  
**sterile** ▶ BABY 13; CLEAN 2  
**sterilize** ▶ CLEAN 3  
**stern** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 1  
**stick** ▶ PUSH 4; PUT 3; STICK 1, 2  
*get the wrong end of the stick* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 9  
*poke/stick your nose into* ▶ INTERFERE 1  
*put/shove/stick your oar in* ▶ INTERFERE 1  
**stick around** ▶ STAY 1  
**stick by**  
*stand by/stick by* ▶ LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 1  
**stick down** ▶ STICK 1  
**stick in the mud** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 29  
**stick in your mind** ▶ REMEMBER 4  
**stick it out/stick with** ▶ FINISH 6  
**stick out** ▶ STICK OUT 1, 4  
*it sticks/stands out a mile* ▶ OBVIOUS 2  
*it sticks/stands out like a sore thumb* ▶ OBVIOUS 2  
**stick to**  
*stand by/stick to* ▶ PROMISE 4  
**stick to it** ▶ CONTINUE 3  
**stick to the facts** ▶ TRUE 5  
**stick to the point** ▶ SUBJECT 6  
**stick to the rules** ▶ OBEY 2  
**stick together** ▶ STICK 2; UNITE 2  
**stick up** ▶ STICK OUT 1  
**stick up for** ▶ DEFEND 3  
**stick your neck out** ▶ RISK 3  
**stick/stand out like a sore thumb** ▶ DIFFERENT 4  
**stickler**  
*be a stickler for* ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 1  
**sticky** ▶ STICK 3; WET 3  
*come to a sticky end* ▶ DIE 2  
**stiff** ▶ BEND 5; HARD 1; MOVE/NOT MOVE 10; POLITE 3; STRICT/NOT STRICT 5  
*scared stiff/scared out of your wits/scared to death* ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 1  
**stiffen** ▶ HARD 3  
**stifle** ▶ STOP 28  
**stifling** ▶ AIR 2  
**stifling/stifling hot** ▶ HOT 3  
**stigma** ▶ ASHAMED 2  
**still** ▶ CONTINUE 11, 12; DRINK 5; MOVE/NOT MOVE 11; NOW 3; PEACEFUL 1  
*be still standing/be left standing* ▶ REMAIN 1  
*be still/yet/more etc to come* ▶ FUTURE 1



*can't keep still* ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 4  
*I can still hear/see/feel etc*  
 ▶ REMEMBER 4  
*keep/stay still* ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 12  
**still/all the same/then again**  
 ▶ BUT 1  
**stillborn** ▶ BABY 10  
**stimulating** ▶ INTERESTING 1  
**stimulus** ▶ CAUSE 10  
**sting** ▶ PAIN 2, 4  
**stingy** ▶ GENEROUS/NOT  
 GENEROUS 2; SPEND MONEY/TIME 8  
**stink** ▶ SMELL 3, 5  
**stink the place out** ▶ SMELL 5  
**stinking** ▶ SMELL 5  
**stinking/filthy rich** ▶ RICH 2  
**stint** ▶ TIME 12  
**stipulation** ▶ CONDITION 8  
**stir** ▶ MIX 1; MOVE/NOT MOVE 1;  
 WAKE UP/GET UP 1  
**stir things up** ▶ ARGUE 3  
**stir up** ▶ CAUSE 7  
**stir-fry** ▶ COOK 2  
**stitches**  
*have sb in hysterics/stitches*  
 ▶ LAUGH 5  
**stock** ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT  
 AVAILABLE 4; KEEP 7; USUALLY 3  
*be out of stock* ▶ SELL 13  
*laughing stock* ▶ MAKE FUN OF 4  
*take stock* ▶ THINK 4  
**stock up** ▶ BUY 2  
**stocky** ▶ SHORT 7  
**stodgy** ▶ FOOD 6  
**stolen** ▶ STEAL 8  
**stomach**  
*be hard to stomach* ▶ STAND 5  
*can't stomach* ▶ STAND 7  
*on a full stomach* ▶ EAT 10  
*turn your stomach* ▶ HORRIBLE 6  
**stomach ache**  
*headache/toothache/backache/*  
*stomach ache* ▶ PAIN 1  
**stomp** ▶ WALK 7  
**stone** ▶ THROW 4  
*leave no stone unturned* ▶ LOOK  
 FOR 2  
*stepping stone* ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE  
 PROGRESS 4  
**stone's throw**  
*be a stone's throw from* ▶ NEAR 3  
**stone-dead/dead as a doornail**  
 ▶ DEAD 1  
**stoned** ▶ DRUG 4  
**stooge** ▶ USE 21  
**stool pigeon** ▶ TELL 10  
**stoop** ▶ BEND 2  
**stoop to** ▶ DO/NOT DO 4  
**stop** ▶ PAUSE 1; STAY 1;  
 STOP 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16,  
 20, 24; SWITCH ON OR OFF 2  
*come to a stop/come to a halt*  
 ▶ STOP 11  
*go to any lengths/stop at nothing*  
 ▶ DETERMINED 4  
*prevent/stop* ▶ STOP 25  
*put a stop to* ▶ STOP 20  
**stop by** ▶ VISIT 5  
**stop crying** ▶ CRY 5  
**stop dead/stop dead in your tracks**  
 ▶ STOP 10  
**stop off** ▶ VISIT 5  
**stop over** ▶ VISIT 5

**stop sb dead/stop sb dead in their**  
**tracks** ▶ STOP 13  
**stop short of** ▶ DO/NOT DO 14  
**stop work** ▶ STOP 7  
**stopgap** ▶ TEMPORARY 1  
**stoppage** ▶ STRIKE 2  
**stops**  
*pull out all the stops* ▶ TRY 3  
**storage**  
*keep sth in storage* ▶ KEEP 5  
**store** ▶ KEEP 5, 6; PUT 9  
*be in store* ▶ FUTURE 5  
*chain store* ▶ SHOP/STORE 1  
*convenience store* ▶ SHOP/STORE 2  
*department store* ▶ SHOP/STORE 3  
*DIY store* ▶ SHOP/STORE 3  
*hardware store* ▶ SHOP/STORE 2  
**storm** ▶ ATTACK 3; WEATHER 13  
**storm out** ▶ LEAVE 9  
**stormy** ▶ ANGRY 5  
**story** ▶ NEWS 3; STORY 1  
*(a) likely story* ▶ BELIEVE 4  
*funny story* ▶ JOKE 1  
*hard-luck story/sob story*  
 ▶ SYMPATHIZE 8  
*life story* ▶ STORY 5  
*romance/love story* ▶ LOVE 7  
*run a story* ▶ NEWS 4  
*short story* ▶ BOOKS 2  
*success story* ▶ SUCCEED/  
 SUCCESSFUL 10, 11  
*tell (sb) a story* ▶ TELL 5  
*to cut a long story short*  
 ▶ SUMMARIZE 3  
*top story/lead story* ▶ NEWS 2  
**story of your life** ▶ STORY 6  
**story/tale** ▶ UNTRUE 3  
**storyline** ▶ STORY 4  
**storyteller** ▶ TELL 5  
**stout** ▶ FAT 3  
**stow** ▶ PUT 9  
**stow away** ▶ HIDE 2  
**straddle** ▶ SIT 3  
**straggler** ▶ LAST 2  
**straight** ▶ CONVENTIONAL/  
 UNCONVENTIONAL 1; GAY 2;  
 HONEST 2; SERIES 3; STRAIGHT 1, 2  
*get sth straight* ▶ TIDY 2  
*go straight* ▶ BEHAVE 4  
*go straight on* ▶ STRAIGHT 2  
*in a straight line* ▶ STRAIGHT 2  
*keep a straight face* ▶ LAUGH 6;  
 SERIOUS 8  
*neat/straight* ▶ PURE 1  
*set sb straight* ▶ RIGHT 5  
*set the record straight* ▶ RIGHT 5  
*stand up straight* ▶ STAND 3  
*tell it like it is/tell sb straight*  
 ▶ HONEST 4  
**straight up** ▶ VERTICAL 1  
**straighten** ▶ STRAIGHT 4  
**straighten out** ▶ STRAIGHT 4  
**straighten up** ▶ BEHAVE 4; STAND 3  
**straighten/straighten up** ▶ TIDY 2  
**straightfaced** ▶ SERIOUS 8  
**straightforward** ▶ EASY 1; SIMPLE 1  
**strain** ▶ TYPE 2; WORRIED/  
 WORRYING 7  
*be under stress/be under (a) strain*  
 ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 4  
**strained** ▶ NERVOUS 5;  
 UNFRIENDLY 3

**strains**  
*stresses and strains* ▶ WORRIED/  
 WORRYING 6  
**straitlaced/straightlaced** ▶ OLD-  
 FASHIONED 6  
**straits**  
*be in dire straits* ▶ PROBLEM 7  
**stranded** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 10  
**strange** ▶ MYSTERIOUS 1;  
 RECOGNIZE 3; STRANGE 1, 2; USED  
 TO/ACCUSTOMED TO 7  
**strangely** ▶ MYSTERIOUS 2  
**stranger** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 25;  
 NEW 7  
*be no stranger to* ▶ USED TO/  
 ACCUSTOMED TO 5  
**strangle** ▶ KILL 1  
**stranglehold** ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
 CONTROL 6  
**strapped for cash** ▶ MONEY 18;  
 ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 7  
**strapping** ▶ STRONG 1  
**strategic** ▶ PLAN 9  
**strategy** ▶ PLAN 1; WAY 1  
**stray from** ▶ SUBJECT 7  
**streak** ▶ CHARACTER 2; FAST 4;  
 LINE 2  
**stream of** ▶ SERIES 1  
**streamline** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT  
 EFFICIENT 4; IMPROVE 2; REDUCE 4;  
 SIMPLE 3  
**street** ▶ ROAD/PATH 1  
*back street* ▶ ROAD/PATH 1  
*cul-de-sac/dead end/dead end street*  
 ▶ ROAD/PATH 1  
*high street* ▶ ROAD/PATH 1  
*side street* ▶ ROAD/PATH 1  
*the man/woman in the street*  
 ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 3  
**street musician** ▶ MUSIC 4  
**streets**  
*be on the streets* ▶ HOME 8  
*be streets ahead* ▶ BETTER 2  
**streetwise** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT  
 EXPERIENCED 5; INTELLIGENT 5  
**strength** ▶ GOOD AT 8; STRONG 3  
*be in a strong position/a position of*  
*strength* ▶ ADVANTAGE 5  
*in force/strength* ▶ LOT 7  
*sap sb's strength/energy* ▶ WEAK 4  
**strengthen** ▶ INCREASE 14;  
 STRONG 5  
**strenuous** ▶ DIFFICULT 3  
**stress** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 7  
*be under stress/be under (a) strain*  
 ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 4  
*emphasize/stress* ▶ EMPHASIZE 1, 3  
**stressed out** ▶ WORRIED/  
 WORRYING 4  
**stresses and strains** ▶ WORRIED/  
 WORRYING 6  
**stressful** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 5  
**stretch** ▶ AREA 5; BIG 9, 10;  
 DIFFICULT 2; LONG 3, 4; LOOSE 2;  
 REACH 1; TIGHT 4; TIME 12  
*at a stretch* ▶ CONTINUE 5  
*be on the last lap/in the home stretch*  
 ▶ FINISH 2  
*by any/by no stretch of the*  
*imagination* ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 2  
*extend/stretch* ▶ DISTANCE 2  
**stretch out** ▶ LIE 1  
**stretch your legs** ▶ WALK 11



**stretched**  
*be stretched* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 7

**stretched out** ▶ LIE 2

**strewn** ▶ SPREAD 5

**strict** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 2; STRICT/NOT STRICT 1, 2

**strictly** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 5

**stride** ▶ WALK 2, 16  
*take sth in your stride* ▶ DEAL WITH 3

**strides**  
*make great strides* ▶ PROGRESS/MAKE PROGRESS 2

**strike** ▶ ATTACK 2, 6; HAPPEN 1; HIT 1, 4, 8; REALIZE 1; STRIKE 1, 2; THINK 7  
*be on strike* ▶ STRIKE 1  
*come out on strike* ▶ STRIKE 1  
*fall into conversation/strike up a conversation* ▶ TALK 3  
*go on (a) hunger strike* ▶ EAT 9  
*go on strike* ▶ STRIKE 1  
*hit back/strike back* ▶ ATTACK 4

**strike a balance** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 5

**strike sb as** ▶ SEEM 1

**strike up a friendship** ▶ FRIEND 5

**strike while the iron is hot**  
▶ CHANCE 5

**strike/make a bargain** ▶ AGREE 3

**striking** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1, 2; IMPRESS 4

**string of** ▶ SERIES 1

**stringent** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 2

**strings**  
*be pulling the strings* ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 2  
*no strings attached* ▶ CONDITION 10

**strip** ▶ CLOTHES 4, 10, 11; PIECE 4; REMOVE 3

**strip mall** ▶ SHOP/STORE 4

**strip off** ▶ CLOTHES 10

**strip sb** ▶ TAKE 9

**strip search** ▶ CLOTHES 11

**stripe** ▶ LINE 2

**striped** ▶ LINE 2

**stripper** ▶ REMOVE 7

**strive** ▶ TRY 2

**stroke** ▶ TOUCH 2  
*on/at the stroke of* ▶ TIME 4; EXACT/NOT EXACT 1

**stroke of genius** ▶ IDEA 2

**stroke of luck**  
*a stroke of luck* ▶ LUCKY 2

**stroke of work**  
*not do a stroke of work* ▶ WORK HARD 8

**stroll** ▶ WALK 3  
*go for a stroll* ▶ WALK 11

**strong** ▶ BRIGHT 1; HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 2; POWER/POWERFUL 2; SMELL 6; STRONG 1, 2, 4, 6; TASTE 7  
*have a sweet/strong/bitter etc taste* ▶ TASTE 2

**strong language** ▶ RUDE 6

**strong position**  
*be in a strong position/a position of strength* ▶ ADVANTAGE 5

**strong possibility**  
*be a strong possibility* ▶ PROBABLY 1

**strong-willed** ▶ DETERMINED 2

**strongarm tactics/methods**  
▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 2

**stronger**  
*make sth stronger* ▶ STRONG 5

**strongly/totally/wholeheartedly etc approve** ▶ APPROVE 2

**stroppy**  
*get stroppy* ▶ ANGRY 6

**struck**  
*be struck dumb* ▶ SAY 10

**structure** ▶ BUILD/BUILDING 4; ORGANIZE 1; SYSTEM 1

**structured** ▶ ORGANIZE 2

**struggle** ▶ FIGHT 1, 9  
*be a struggle* ▶ DIFFICULT 10

**struggle for** ▶ TRY 5

**struggle to do sth** ▶ TRY 1

**strut** ▶ WALK 9

**strut your stuff** ▶ SHOW OFF 1

**stub out** ▶ BURN 4; SMOKING 6

**stubborn** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 28; DETERMINED 3, 6

**stubby/stumpy** ▶ SHORT 1

**stuck** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 10  
*be stuck* ▶ ESCAPE 7  
*be stuck with* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 3  
*be stuck/caught in a time-warped* ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 5

**stuck-up** ▶ CLASS 9; PROUD 3

**stud** ▶ SEX 6

**student** ▶ LEARN 3; STUDY 5

**studies** ▶ WORK 2  
*sb's studies* ▶ STUDY 4

**studious** ▶ WORK HARD 4

**study** ▶ EXAMINE 1, 3; LEARN 1; PICTURE 1; STUDY 1, 2, 3, 4

**stuff** ▶ EQUIPMENT 1; FULL 3; MATERIAL 1; THING 2  
*know your stuff* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 3  
*strut your stuff* ▶ SHOW OFF 1

**stuff/gorge yourself** ▶ EAT 3

**stuff/shove** ▶ PUSH 4

**stuffed**  
*be stuffed up* ▶ BREATHE 6  
*be stuffed with* ▶ FULL 1

**stuffy** ▶ AIR 2; SERIOUS 6

**stumble** ▶ FALL 2; WALK 6

**stumble on/across** ▶ FIND 6

**stumbling block** ▶ PROBLEM 3

**stump up** ▶ PAY 1

**stumpy**  
*stubby/stumpy* ▶ SHORT 1

**stun** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 3; UNCONSCIOUS 4

**stunned** ▶ SHOCKED/SHOCKING 2

**stunning** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 1, 5

**stunning/breathtaking**  
▶ BEAUTIFUL 6

**stupid** ▶ ANGRY 9; STUPID/SILLY 1, 5

**sturdy** ▶ STRONG 2

**stutter**  
*stammer/stutter* ▶ SPEAK 2

**style** ▶ STYLE/ELEGANCE 1; TYPE 1; WAY 7, 8

**stylish** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 1; STYLE/ELEGANCE 2

**suave** ▶ POLITE 6

**sub for** ▶ REPLACE 2

**subconscious** ▶ MIND 1, 2

**subdue** ▶ STOP 21

**subject** ▶ SUBJECT 1, 3; TEST 12  
*drop the subject/drop it* ▶ TALK 16  
*get off the subject* ▶ SUBJECT 7  
*keep off the subject/question of sth* ▶ TALK 16  
*on the subject of* ▶ ABOUT 1

**subject matter** ▶ SUBJECT 1

**subjected**  
*be subjected to* ▶ SUFFER 1

**subliminal** ▶ MIND 2

**submerge** ▶ DOWN 4

**submerged** ▶ UNDER/BELOW 3

**submissive** ▶ OBEY 4

**submit** ▶ SUGGEST 2

**subordinate** ▶ POSITION/RANK 6

**subpoena** ▶ TELL 18

**subscribe to** ▶ AGREE 1

**subsequent** ▶ AFTER 4

**subsequently** ▶ AFTER 1; LATER 1

**subservient** ▶ OBEY 4

**subside** ▶ LESS 6

**subsidiary** ▶ COMPANY 1; UNIMPORTANT 3

**subsidize** ▶ PAY 11

**subsidy** ▶ MONEY 9

**subsist on** ▶ SURVIVE 4

**substance** ▶ MATERIAL 1; MEANING 2  
*illegal substance* ▶ DRUG 2

**substandard** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 4

**substantial/significant** ▶ BIG 5

**substantiate** ▶ PROVE 1

**substitute** ▶ REPLACE 3, 7

**subterranean** ▶ UNDER/BELOW 3

**subtle** ▶ OBVIOUS 4

**subtotal** ▶ TOTAL 1

**subtract** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 5

**suburb** ▶ AREA 2; TOWN 3

**suburban** ▶ CONVENTIONAL/UNCONVENTIONAL 1

**subversion** ▶ REBELLION/REVOLUTION 6

**subversive** ▶ REBELLION/REVOLUTION 5

**subzero temperatures** ▶ COLD 2

**succeed** ▶ AFTER 6; REPLACE 1; SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 1, 3, 6, 7  
*not succeed* ▶ FAIL 2

**succeeding** ▶ AFTER 4

**success** ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 5; WIN 6  
*be a success* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 7  
*have some success* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 3  
*have some success/have limited success* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 1

**success story** ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 10, 11

**successful** ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 1; SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 3, 10, 11  
*be successful* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 1, 6, 7

**succession** ▶ SERIES 1  
*in succession* ▶ SERIES 3

**successive** ▶ SERIES 3

**successor** ▶ AFTER 6; REPLACE 3

**succinct** ▶ SHORT 2

**succulent** ▶ DELICIOUS 2

**such**  
*there's no such thing* ▶ EXIST 2

**such a bad day/an old car/a tall man etc (that)** ▶ SO/THEREFORE 1

**such and such** ▶ NAME 8

**such as** ▶ EXAMPLE 3

**suchlike**  
*and suchlike* ▶ AND/ALSO 3

**suck** ▶ BAD 1



**suck up to sb** ▶ FRIENDLY 6  
**sucker** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 4  
**sudden** ▶ SUDDENLY 2  
*all of a sudden* ▶ SUDDENLY 1  
**suddenly** ▶ SUDDENLY 1  
**suffer** ▶ SUFFER 1, 2; WORSE 2  
**suffer from** ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 2  
**suffer heavy losses** ▶ DIE 2  
**sufferer** ▶ ILL/SICK 7  
**suffering** ▶ SUFFER 3  
**suffice** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 1  
**sufficient** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 1  
**sufficiently** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 2  
*not sufficiently* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 6  
**suffocate** ▶ BREATHE 8, 9  
**suffrage** ▶ VOTE 5  
**sugary** ▶ TASTE 3  
**suggest** ▶ ADVISE 1; MEANING 5; SAY 6; SHOW 9; SUGGEST 1, 3  
**suggestion** ▶ SUGGEST 4  
*can/may I make a suggestion* ▶ SUGGEST 5  
*make a suggestion* ▶ SUGGEST 1  
**suggestive** ▶ SEX 18; SEXY 2  
**suicidal** ▶ KILL 5  
**suicide** ▶ KILL 5  
**suicide bomber/pilot/killer** ▶ DIE 4  
**suit** ▶ CLOTHES 2; CONVENIENT 1; SUITABLE 1; SUIT/LOOK GOOD TOGETHER 1  
*follow suit/follow sb's lead* ▶ COPY 6  
*in your birthday suit* ▶ CLOTHES 12  
**suit yourself** ▶ DON'T CARE 2  
**suitable** ▶ SUITABLE 1  
*unsuitable/not suitable* ▶ UNSUITABLE 1, 2  
**suited**  
*be ideally suited* ▶ SUITABLE 3  
*be suited to* ▶ SUITABLE 1  
*ill-suited to sth/not suited to sth* ▶ UNSUITABLE 2  
*not be suited* ▶ UNSUITABLE 4  
*unsuited to sth/not suited to sth* ▶ UNSUITABLE 1  
**sulk** ▶ ANGRY 12  
**sulky** ▶ ANGRY 12  
**sullen** ▶ ANGRY 12  
**sum** ▶ AMOUNT 1; COUNT/CALCULATE 9; MONEY 4  
*to sum up/to summarize/in summary* ▶ SUMMARIZE 3  
**sum up** ▶ SUMMARIZE 1  
**summarize** ▶ SUMMARIZE 1  
*to sum up/to summarize/in summary* ▶ SUMMARIZE 3  
**summary** ▶ SUMMARIZE 2  
*to sum up/to summarize/in summary* ▶ SUMMARIZE 3  
**summer**  
*come July/summer/next year* ▶ FUTURE 3  
**submit** ▶ MEET 6; TOP 1  
**summon** ▶ TELL 19  
**sun**  
*in the sun* ▶ WEATHER 4  
*make hay while the sun shines* ▶ CHANCE 5  
**sundry**  
*all and sundry* ▶ EVERYONE 1  
**sunlight** ▶ LIGHT 1

**sunny** ▶ WEATHER 4  
*have a happy/cheerful/sunny disposition* ▶ HAPPY 4  
**sunset** ▶ DOWN 3  
**sunshine** ▶ WEATHER 4  
**superb** ▶ BEAUTIFUL 5  
**superficial** ▶ SEEM 2  
**superior** ▶ BETTER 1; GOOD 2; IN CHARGE OF 2; POSITION/RANK 3  
**supermarket** ▶ SHOP/STORE 2  
**supernatural**  
*the supernatural* ▶ GHOST 1  
**superpower** ▶ COUNTRY 1; POWER/POWERFUL 3  
**supersede** ▶ REPLACE 5  
**supersonic** ▶ FAST 2  
**superstar** ▶ FAMOUS 5  
**superstition** ▶ BELIEVE 8  
**superstore** ▶ SHOP/STORE 3  
**supervise** ▶ IN CHARGE OF 1  
**supervisor** ▶ IN CHARGE OF 2; MANAGER 1  
**supper** ▶ MEAL 4  
**supplant** ▶ REPLACE 1  
**supplement** ▶ ADD 2, 6  
**supplementary** ▶ MORE 1  
**supplier** ▶ PROVIDE/SUPPLY 4  
**supply** ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 4; KEEP 7; PROVIDE/SUPPLY 1, 3; PUBLIC SERVICES 1  
*be in short supply* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 5  
*endless supply* ▶ FINISH 15  
**supply teacher** ▶ REPLACE 3  
**support** ▶ HELP 2, 6; PAY 10; PROVE 1; SUPPORT 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9  
*drum up support* ▶ SUPPORT 6  
*enlist support* ▶ SUPPORT 6  
*for support* ▶ SUPPORT 8  
*give help/assistance/support* ▶ HELP 1  
*give sb moral support* ▶ HELP 2  
*in support of* ▶ SUPPORT 3  
*IT support* ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 3  
*pay child support* ▶ PAY 10  
**support yourself** ▶ SUPPORT 8  
**support yourself/your family** ▶ EARN 3  
**supporter** ▶ SPORT/GAME 11; SUPPORT 2  
**supportive**  
*be supportive* ▶ HELP 2  
**suppose** ▶ THINK 11  
*I suppose* ▶ PROBABLY 1; THINK 12  
*supposing/suppose/say* ▶ IF 2  
**supposed to**  
*be meant to do sth/be supposed to do sth* ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 4; PURPOSE 3  
*be supposed to (do sth)* ▶ SHOULD/UGHT TO 1  
**supposedly** ▶ SAY 12  
**supposing/suppose/say** ▶ IF 2  
**suppress** ▶ HIDE 7, 8; STOP 21, 28  
**suppressed** ▶ HIDE 9  
**supremacist**  
*white supremacist* ▶ RACE 4  
**sure** ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 1; THANK 5; YES 1, 2, 3  
*be bound to/be sure to/be certain to* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 2  
*be sure* ▶ REMEMBER 6  
*for sure* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 2

*I'm not sure (about that)* ▶ DOUBT 1  
*it's a safe bet/it's a sure bet/it's a sure thing* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 4  
*make sure (that) you ...* ▶ ADVISE 2  
*make sure/make certain* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 7; CHECK 1  
*not sure* ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 3  
**sure of yourself** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 1  
**surefire** ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 3  
**surely** ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 1  
*slowly but surely* ▶ SLOW 2  
**surf** ▶ LOOK FOR 3  
**surf the Internet/Net/Web** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 9  
**surface** ▶ SURFACE 1, 2; WAKE UP/GET UP 3  
*on the surface* ▶ SEEM 2  
**surge** ▶ FORWARD 2; INCREASE 12, 16  
**surgeon** ▶ DOCTOR 1  
**surgery** ▶ MEDICAL TREATMENT 1  
**surly** ▶ ANGRY 11  
**surname**  
*last name/surname* ▶ NAME 1  
**surplus** ▶ PROFIT 1; TOO/TOO MUCH 4  
**surprise** ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 2, 4, 6, 6  
*be a surprise/come as a surprise* ▶ EXPECT 8; SURPRISED/SURPRISING 4  
*be no surprise/come as no surprise* ▶ EXPECT 7; SURPRISED/SURPRISING 7  
*take sb by surprise* ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 4  
**surprised** ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 1  
*I wouldn't be surprised* ▶ EXPECT 2; PROBABLY 1  
*I'd be surprised if* ▶ DOUBT 1  
*I'm not surprised* ▶ EXPECT 7; SURPRISED/SURPRISING 7  
**surprising** ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 5  
*not surprising/hardly surprising* ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 7  
**surreal** ▶ STRANGE 1  
**surrender** ▶ GIVE 7; LOSE 4  
**surreptitiously** ▶ SECRET 5  
**surround** ▶ AROUND/ROUND 3  
**surrounded**  
*be surrounded by* ▶ AROUND/ROUND 2  
**surrounding area** ▶ AREA 3  
**surroundings** ▶ AREA 3  
**surveillance** ▶ WATCH 5  
**survey** ▶ ASK 2  
**survive** ▶ ALIVE 2; REMAIN 1; SURVIVE 1, 2, 3, 4  
**survivor** ▶ SURVIVE 1, 3  
**suspect** ▶ SUSPECT 1, 3; THINK 11  
*I suspect* ▶ EXPECT 2  
**suspected** ▶ SUSPECT 3  
**suspend** ▶ FORBID 5; LEAVE 23; STOP 16  
**suspended**  
*be suspended* ▶ DOWN 7  
**suspense**  
*keep sb in suspense* ▶ WAIT 4



**suspicion** ▶ SUSPECT 1; TRUST/NOT TRUST 7

*above suspicion* ▶ HONEST 1

*be under suspicion* ▶ SUSPECT 3

*have a sneaking suspicion*

▶ SUSPECT 1

**suspensions**

*have your suspicions* ▶ SUSPECT 1

**suspicious** ▶ DISHONEST 3;

SUSPECT 1, 2; TRUST/NOT TRUST 8

*be suspicious of* ▶ TRUST/NOT

TRUST 6

*sb looks/seems suspicious* ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 9

**sustainable** ▶ ENVIRONMENT 3

**swagger** ▶ WALK 9

**swallow** ▶ BELIEVE 2; EAT 1

**swamp** ▶ WET 4

**swamped**

*be swamped with* ▶ GET 9

**swap** ▶ EXCHANGE 1, 2

*do a swap* ▶ EXCHANGE 1

*switch/swap* ▶ REPLACE 7

**swarm** ▶ CROWD 1, 3

**swarming**

*be swarming with* ▶ CROWD 2;

FULL 5

**sway** ▶ EFFECT/AFFECT 3; MOVE/NOT MOVE 5

*hold sway* ▶ CONTROL/NOT

CONTROL 6

**swear** ▶ PROMISE 1; RUDE 7; SAY 3

*I swear* ▶ PROMISE 3

**swear sb to secrecy** ▶ TELL 16

**swear word** ▶ RUDE 6

**sweat** ▶ SWEAT 1, 2

*be covered/drenched/soaked in sweat*

▶ SWEAT 3

*be pouring/dripping with sweat*

▶ SWEAT 1

*break out in a sweat/break into a*

*sweat* ▶ SWEAT 1

**sweaty** ▶ SWEAT 3

**sweep** ▶ CLEAN 6

**sweep sb off their feet** ▶ LOVE 2

**sweep sth under the carpet**

▶ HIDE 8

**sweep to victory** ▶ WIN 4

**sweet** ▶ NICE 1; TASTE 3

*have a sweet/strong/bitter etc taste*

▶ TASTE 2

**sweet-smelling** ▶ SMELL 4

**sweet-talk** ▶ PERSUADE 2

**sweeten** ▶ TASTE 3

**sweetener** ▶ PERSUADE 8

**swell up** ▶ BIG 9

**sweltering** ▶ HOT 3, 5

**swerve** ▶ TURN 8

**swift** ▶ FAST 1, 3

**swig** ▶ DRINK 2

**swim**

*play/run/swim etc for*

▶ REPRESENT 1

**swimming**

*pool/swimming pool* ▶ SPORT/

GAME 7

*sb's head is swimming* ▶ BALANCE 6

**swindle** ▶ CHEAT 1, 5

**swindler** ▶ CHEAT 6

**swing** ▶ DOWN 7; MOVE/NOT

MOVE 5, 6

*be in full swing* ▶ HAPPEN 5

**swing around** ▶ TURN 6

**swings and roundabouts**

*it's swings and roundabouts/it cuts*

*both ways* ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 7

**swipe** ▶ STEAL 1

**swirl** ▶ TURN 1

**swish** ▶ SOUND 10

**switch** ▶ CHANGE/NOT

CHANGE 12, 20; EXCHANGE 1

*throw a switch* ▶ SWITCH ON OR

OFF 1

**switch off** ▶ ATTENTION 4; SWITCH

ON OR OFF 2

**switch on** ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 1

**switch/swap** ▶ REPLACE 7

**switch/turn off** ▶ SWITCH ON OR

OFF 5

**switch/turn on** ▶ SWITCH ON OR

OFF 5

**switch/turn/put on the light(s)**

▶ LIGHT 2

**switched off**

*be switched off* ▶ SWITCH ON OR

OFF 4

**switched on**

*be switched on* ▶ SWITCH ON OR

OFF 3

**swivel** ▶ TURN 2, 6

**swot** ▶ STUDY 2; WORK HARD 4

**syllabus** ▶ SUBJECT 4

**symbol** ▶ SIGN 2

**symbolize** ▶ MEANING 3

**symmetrical** ▶ SHAPE 5

**sympathetic** ▶ KIND 2;

SYMPATHIZE 5

*a sympathetic ear/a shoulder to cry on*

▶ SYMPATHIZE 5

**sympathize** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 1

*be in sympathy with/sympathize with*

▶ SUPPORT 1

**sympathizer** ▶ SUPPORT 2

**sympathy** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 6

*be in sympathy with/sympathize with*

▶ SUPPORT 1

*have/feel no sympathy for*

▶ SYMPATHIZE 2

*have/feel sympathy for*

▶ SYMPATHIZE 1

*offer your sympathy* ▶ SYMPATHIZE 3

*play on sb's sympathy*

▶ SYMPATHIZE 8

*you have my deepest sympathy/with*

*deepest sympathy* ▶ SYMPATHIZE 4

**symptom** ▶ SIGN 5

**symptomatic**

*be symptomatic of* ▶ SHOW 11

**sync**

*be out of step/sync* ▶ DIFFERENT 4

**syndicate** ▶ CRIME 4

**synopsis** ▶ SUMMARIZE 2

**synthetic** ▶ ARTIFICIAL 1

**system** ▶ SYSTEM 1; WAY 1

*legal system* ▶ LAW 2

**systematic** ▶ CAREFUL 5

**systems analyst** ▶ COMPUTERS/

INTERNET/EMAIL 3

**t**

**ta/cheers** ▶ THANK 1

**tab** ▶ PAY 14

*pick up the tab* ▶ PAY 2

**table**

*put/lay your cards on the table*

▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 5

**tabloid** ▶ NEWSPAPERS 1

**taboo** ▶ FORBID 2

**taciturn** ▶ TALK 13

**tack**

*be on the wrong track/tack*

▶ WRONG 3

**tack on** ▶ ADD 5

**tackle** ▶ DEAL WITH 2

**tacky** ▶ TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC

ETC 6

**tact** ▶ POLITE 4

**tactful** ▶ CAREFUL 7; POLITE 2

**tactic** ▶ WAY 3

**tactics** ▶ WAY 1

*delaying tactics* ▶ DELAY 3

*strongarm tactics/methods* ▶ FORCE

SB TO DO STH 2

**tactless** ▶ CARELESS 4; RUDE 1;

UNKIND 3

**tag** ▶ CALL/DESCRIBE AS 3

**tail** ▶ FOLLOW 2

*be/sit on sb's tail* ▶ FOLLOW 2

*can't make head or/nor tail of*

▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT

UNDERSTAND 10

**tailor-made** ▶ PERFECT 2

**take** ▶ ACCEPT 1; CONTAIN 2;

CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 9; DRINK 1;

DRUG 3; EXAMPLE 3; LAST 5;

MEASURE 1; NEED/NECESSARY 6;

SPACE 3; STEAL 1; STUDY 1;

TAKE 1, 9, 10; TEST 2; TRAVEL 3

*can't take/handle* ▶ STAND 7

*I take it* ▶ THINK 12

**take after** ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 6

**take ages/years/forever etc**

▶ LONG 8

**take apart** ▶ SEPARATE 2

**take away** ▶ TAKE 8, 9

**take back** ▶ ADMIT 7; SAY 5; TAKE 4

**take care** ▶ CAREFUL 2, 3, 6;

GOODBYE 1; LETTER 3

**take care of** ▶ DEAL WITH 1;

RESPONSIBLE 1

*look after/take care of* ▶ LOOK

AFTER 1

**take care of yourself**

▶ INDEPENDENT 3

**take down/get down** ▶ WRITE 1

**take hold of**

*get/take hold of* ▶ HOLD 3

**take in** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT

UNDERSTAND 4

**take it from me** ▶ ADVISE 2

**take it up with/take the matter up**

**with** ▶ COMPLAIN 1

**take long**

*not take long* ▶ SHORT 10

**take no notice/not take any notice**

▶ ATTENTION 5; IGNORE 1

**take off** ▶ CLOTHES 10; HOLIDAY/

VACATION 5; INCREASE 4; LEAVE 4;

REMOVE 2, 3; SUCCEED/

SUCCESSFUL 8; UP 4

**take on** ▶ JOB 7; RESPONSIBLE 3



**take out** ▶ REMOVE 1; TAKE 10  
**take over** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 9; POWER/POWERFUL 5; REPLACE 1, 2  
**take part** ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 1  
*compete/take part* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 3  
*not take part/not participate* ▶ TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 9  
**take place** ▶ HAPPEN 1  
**take sb back**  
*bring back memories/take sb back* ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 3  
**take sb by the arm/hand etc** ▶ HOLD 7  
**take sb in** ▶ STAY 8  
**take sb up on/take up sb's offer** ▶ ACCEPT 1  
**take sides**  
*not take sides* ▶ FAIR 3  
**take sth as** ▶ MEANING 6  
**take sth out on** ▶ UNKIND 1  
**take sth up again** ▶ CONTINUE 8  
**take the place of**  
*replace/take the place of* ▶ REPLACE 5  
**take to doing sth** ▶ START 5  
**take to sb/take a liking to** ▶ LIKE 8  
**take up** ▶ START 5; USE 16  
*pick up/take up where you left off* ▶ CONTINUE 8  
**take-off**  
*a take-off of sb/sth* ▶ COPY 10  
**take/accept** ▶ ACCEPT 2, 8  
**take/get out** ▶ TAKE 13  
**take/handle** ▶ STAND 5  
**take/take away** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 5  
**takeaway** ▶ MEAL 7  
**taken** ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 5  
*be taken* ▶ USE 8  
**taken aback**  
*be taken aback* ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 1  
**taken in**  
*be taken in* ▶ BELIEVE 2; TRICK/DECEIVE 2  
**takeover**  
*military takeover* ▶ REBELLION/REVOLUTION 2  
**tale** ▶ STORY 1  
*old wives' tale* ▶ BELIEVE 9  
*story/tale* ▶ UNTRUE 3  
**talent** ▶ GOOD AT 7  
**talented** ▶ GOOD AT 4  
**tales**  
*tell tales* ▶ LIE 3; TELL 9  
**talk** ▶ DISCUSS 1; RUMOUR 1; SPEAK 1; TALK 1, 2, 6, 18, 18; TELL 9  
*back talk* ▶ ANSWER 4  
*be all talk* ▶ BOAST 2  
*can talk the hind leg off a donkey* ▶ TALK 12  
*get talking/chatting* ▶ TALK 3  
*have a talk* ▶ TALK 2  
*make conversation/make small talk* ▶ TALK 1  
*small talk* ▶ TALK 5  
*there is talk of* ▶ SAY 12  
**talk about** ▶ DESCRIBE 1  
*not talk about* ▶ TALK 16  
**talk about sb behind their back** ▶ TALK 6

**talk back**  
*answer back/talk back* ▶ ANSWER 4  
**talk down to** ▶ TALK 11  
**talk of the devil** ▶ ARRIVE 5  
**talk over** ▶ DISCUSS 1; TALK 2  
**talk sb into** ▶ PERSUADE 1  
**talk sb out of** ▶ PERSUADE 11  
**talk sb round**  
*bring/talk sb round* ▶ PERSUADE 4  
**talk sense** ▶ SENSIBLE 1  
**talk shop** ▶ TALK 2  
**talk some sense into** ▶ SENSIBLE 4  
**talk to yourself** ▶ TALK 10  
**talk turkey** ▶ TALK 2  
**talk your way out of** ▶ ESCAPE 6  
**talkative** ▶ TALK 12  
**talked about**  
*much/most talked about* ▶ FAMOUS 2  
**talking**  
*not be talking/speaking* ▶ TALK 17  
**talking-to** ▶ TELL SB OFF 3  
*give sb a talking-to* ▶ TELL SB OFF 1  
**talks** ▶ DISCUSS 5  
**tall** ▶ HIGH 2; TALL 1  
*6 ft tall/2 m tall etc* ▶ TALL 2  
*how tall* ▶ TALL 2  
**tall order**  
*be a tall order* ▶ DIFFICULT 1  
**taller**  
*get taller/bigger* ▶ GROW 1  
**tally** ▶ SAME 8  
*keep a tally of* ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 1  
**tamper with** ▶ DAMAGE 2  
**tangible** ▶ REAL 6  
**tangled** ▶ MIX 4  
**tangy** ▶ TASTE 5  
**tantrum**  
*have/throw a tantrum* ▶ ANGRY 10  
**tap** ▶ CHOOSE 4; HIT 8; LISTEN 2; SOUND 6  
*be on tap* ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 1  
**tape**  
*red tape* ▶ COMPLICATED 2  
**taper** ▶ NARROW 2; THIN 11  
**taper off** ▶ LESS 5  
**target** ▶ ATTACK 8; CRITICIZE 3; PURPOSE 1; WANT/NOT WANT 8  
*be an easy target* ▶ ATTACK 9  
**tariff** ▶ MONEY 10  
**tarnished** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 7  
**tart** ▶ TASTE 5  
**tart up** ▶ DECORATE 1  
**task** ▶ WORK 10  
**taste** ▶ LITTLE 6; TASTE 1, 2, 9; TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 1  
*be an acquired taste* ▶ LIKE 4  
*be in good taste* ▶ TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 4  
*can taste* ▶ TASTE 10  
*develop/acquire/get a taste for* ▶ LIKE 4  
*have a sweet/strong/bitter etc taste* ▶ TASTE 2  
*have a taste* ▶ TASTE 9  
*have bad taste* ▶ TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 5  
*have no taste/not have any taste* ▶ TASTE 8; TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 5  
*have taste/have good taste* ▶ TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 3

*not be to your taste/liking* ▶ DISLIKE 1  
*not taste of anything* ▶ TASTE 8  
*sense of taste* ▶ TASTE 10  
**taste/good taste** ▶ TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 2  
**tasteful** ▶ TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 4  
**tasteless** ▶ TASTE 8; TASTE IN CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 6  
**tasty** ▶ DELICIOUS 1  
**tat**  
*tit for tat* ▶ REVENGE 2  
**tattered** ▶ CONDITION 5; TEAR 4  
**tatty** ▶ CONDITION 5  
**taunt** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 1  
**taut** ▶ TIGHT 2  
**tax** ▶ MONEY 10  
**taxing** ▶ DIFFICULT 2  
**taxpayer** ▶ MONEY 10  
**tea** ▶ MEAL 4  
**teach** ▶ TEACH 1, 2, 3  
**teach sb a lesson** ▶ PUNISH 1  
**teacher** ▶ TEACH 5  
*supply teacher* ▶ REPLACE 3  
**teacher's pet** ▶ FAVOURITE 2  
**teaching** ▶ TEACH 4  
**team** ▶ GAME 4; GROUP 4; PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 4; SPORT/GAME 6  
**team up** ▶ UNITE 1  
**tear** ▶ RUN 1; TEAR 1, 3, 5  
*race/tear* ▶ FAST 4  
*wear and tear* ▶ DAMAGE 4  
**tear down** ▶ DESTROY 2  
**tear off** ▶ CLOTHES 10  
*break/tear/cut off* ▶ REMOVE 2  
**tear sb's clothes off** ▶ CLOTHES 11  
**tear sth to shreds** ▶ CRITICIZE 2  
**tear up** ▶ TEAR 2  
**tear/force yourself away** ▶ LEAVE 10  
**tear/rip sth to shreds** ▶ TEAR 2  
**tearjerker** ▶ FEEL 12  
**tears** ▶ CRY 1  
*be close to tears/be on the verge of tears,* ▶ CRY 3  
*be in tears* ▶ CRY 1  
*bring tears to sb's eyes/bring a lump to sb's throat* ▶ CRY 4  
*burst into tears* ▶ CRY 2  
*dry your eyes/tears* ▶ CRY 5  
*fight back tears* ▶ CRY 3  
*reduce sb to tears* ▶ CRY 4  
*sth ends in tears* ▶ WARN 2  
*wipe the tears from your eyes/wipe your tears* ▶ CRY 5  
**tease** ▶ MAKE FUN OF 1  
**techie** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 3  
**technicalities** ▶ DETAIL 2  
**technicality** ▶ DETAIL 3  
**technique** ▶ WAY 1  
**tedious** ▶ BORING/BORED 1  
**teeming** ▶ CROWD 2  
*be teeming with* ▶ FULL 5  
**teenage** ▶ YOUNG 7  
**teenager** ▶ YOUNG 4  
**teens**  
*in your teens* ▶ YOUNG 4  
*in your teens/20s/thirties/40s etc* ▶ AGE 2  
**teeter**  
*totter/teeter* ▶ BALANCE 4



**teeth**

*brush your teeth* ▶ WASH 1  
*by the skin of your teeth* ▶ JUST 3  
*grit your teeth* ▶ ACCEPT 5  
*sb's teeth are chattering* ▶ COLD 4  
*sink your teeth into* ▶ BITE 2

**teething troubles/pains/problems**

▶ PROBLEM 1

**teetotaller** ▶ DRINK 9**telephone** ▶ TELEPHONE 1

*by phone/telephone* ▶ TELEPHONE 6  
*call/phone call/telephone call*  
 ▶ TELEPHONE 4  
*make a call/phone call/telephone call*  
 ▶ TELEPHONE 1  
*return a call/phone call/telephone call*  
 ▶ TELEPHONE 3

**televiser** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 3**television** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 1**tell** ▶ ADVISE 1; EFFECT/AFFECT 2;

EXPLAIN 1; RECOGNIZE 1; SHOW 8;  
 TELL 1, 2, 11, 17

*can see/can tell* ▶ NOTICE/NOT  
 NOTICE 1

*can tell* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 1;  
 OBVIOUS 1

*can't say/tell* ▶ PREDICT 5

*can't tell the difference/can't tell them  
 apart* ▶ SAME 2

*not breathe a word/not tell a soul*  
 ▶ TELL 13

*not tell* ▶ SECRET 4

*to tell the truth* ▶ ADMIT 3; TRUE 5

**tell (sb) a story** ▶ TELL 5**tell it like it is/tell sb straight**

▶ HONEST 4

**tell me** ▶ TELL 15**tell of** ▶ DESCRIBE 1**tell on/tell** ▶ TELL 9**tell sb not to do sth** ▶ FORBID 1**tell sb off** ▶ TELL SB OFF 1**tell sb/sth apart**

*can tell sb/sth apart* ▶ DIFFERENT 10

**tell tales** ▶ LIE 3; TELL 9**tell the difference**

*can tell the difference* ▶ DIFFERENT 10

**tell the truth** ▶ HONEST 4; TRUE 5**telling**

*there's no telling/knowing* ▶ KNOW/  
 NOT KNOW 18

**telltale** ▶ SIGN 5**telly** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 1**temper** ▶ ANGRY 14

*be in a temper* ▶ ANGRY 1

*keep your temper* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
 CONTROL 13

*lose your temper* ▶ ANGRY 6

**temperament** ▶ CHARACTER 1**temperamental** ▶ BROKEN/NOT  
 BROKEN 3**temperature** ▶ HOT 10

*have/run a temperature* ▶ HOT 5

**temperatures**

*subzero temperatures* ▶ COLD 2

**temporarily** ▶ TEMPORARY 2**temporary** ▶ SHORT 10;

TEMPORARY 1

**tempt** ▶ ATTRACT/ATTRACTION 1;

PERSUADE 7

**tempt fate** ▶ RISK 4**temptation** ▶ ATTRACT/

ATTRACTION 4; WANT/NOT WANT 6

**tempting** ▶ ATTRACT/ATTRACTION 3;

DELICIOUS 3

**ten a penny**

*be ten a penny* ▶ COMMON 1

**ten to one** ▶ PROBABLY 2**tenacious** ▶ DETERMINED 1**tenacity** ▶ DETERMINED 5**tenant** ▶ LIVE 5**tend** ▶ IN GENERAL 1**tend to do sth** ▶ OFTEN 3**tendency**

*have a tendency to do sth* ▶ OFTEN 3

**tender** ▶ LOVE 5; PAIN 2; SOFT 1**tense** ▶ NERVOUS 1, 5; WORRIED/  
 WORRYING 5**tension** ▶ NERVOUS 4**tenterhooks**

*be on tenterhooks* ▶ EXCITED/  
 EXCITING 1

**tepid** ▶ HOT 4**term** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 6;  
 TIME 12; WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 1  
*in the long/short/medium term*  
 ▶ FUTURE 1**termed**

*be termed* ▶ NAME 5

**terminal** ▶ CURE 3; DIE 8**terminate a pregnancy** ▶ BABY 10**terminology** ▶ LANGUAGE 5; WORD/  
 PHRASE/SENTENCE 4**terms** ▶ CONDITION 8

*be on good terms* ▶ RELATIONSHIP 2

*in layman's terms* ▶ LANGUAGE 5

*in no uncertain terms* ▶ CLEAR/NOT  
 CLEAR 2

*not be on speaking terms* ▶ TALK 17

**terrain** ▶ LAND/GROUND 3**terrible**

*awful/terrible/appalling/lousy*

▶ BAD 1

*awful/terrible/dreadful* ▶ BAD 4

*awful/terrible/horrible*

▶ WEATHER 5

*bad/terrible/dreadful etc experience*

▶ EXPERIENCE 2

*have a bad/terrible/awful etc memory*  
 ▶ FORGET 5

**terrible/awful/hopeless** ▶ BAD AT  
 DOING STH 2**terribly**

*awfully/terribly/terrifically*

▶ VERY 2

**terrific**

*marvellous/wonderful/fantastic/*

*terrific* ▶ GOOD 1

**terrific/fantastic** ▶ GOOD 3**terrifically**

*awfully/terribly/terrifically*

▶ VERY 2

**terrified** ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 1

*be terrified* ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 2

**terrify** ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 4

**terrifying** ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 5

**territorial** ▶ LAND/GROUND 1**territory** ▶ AREA 7; COUNTRY 3;

LAND/GROUND 1

*be on dangerous ground/in dangerous  
 territory* ▶ RISK 6

**terror** ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 8**terrorize** ▶ FRIGHTENED/

FRIGHTENING 6

**terse** ▶ RUDE 3**test** ▶ TEST 1, 5, 9, 10

*do a test/experiment* ▶ TEST 10

*give sb a test* ▶ TEST 5

*put sth to the test* ▶ TEST 10

*run a test* ▶ TEST 10

*set sb a test/an exam* ▶ TEST 5

*the acid test* ▶ PROVE 3

**test sth on** ▶ TEST 11**testament**

*be a testament to* ▶ SHOW 10

**testify** ▶ SAY 3**testing** ▶ TEST 1, 9**tests**

*carry out tests* ▶ TEST 10

**tether** ▶ TIE/UNTIE 2

*be at the end of your tether* ▶ FED  
 UP 1

**text** ▶ TELEPHONE 9; WRITE 13**textbook** ▶ BOOKS 5**textbook case/example**

▶ TYPICAL 1

**textiles** ▶ MATERIAL 2**texture** ▶ TOUCH 5**than** ▶ COMPARE 2**thank** ▶ THANK 2

*I'd like to thank* ▶ THANK 1

**thank you** ▶ THANK 1

*no thanks/no thank you* ▶ NO 3

*say thank you* ▶ THANK 2

**thank-you letter/note** ▶ THANK 4**thankful** ▶ THANK 3**thanks** ▶ THANK 1, 4

*express your thanks/gratitude*

▶ THANK 2

*many thanks* ▶ THANK 1

*no thanks/no thank you* ▶ NO 3

**thanks all the same** ▶ NO 3**thanks to** ▶ BECAUSE 1**that is** ▶ EXPLAIN 2**that was close!** ▶ ALMOST 5**that's more like it** ▶ BETTER 4**thaw** ▶ LIQUID 5**the** ▶ BEST 1**theatre** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 3; WAR 5**theft** ▶ STEAL 6, 7**theme** ▶ SUBJECT 1**then** ▶ AFTER 1; FUTURE 3; SO/

THEREFORE 1; THEN 1, 2, 3

*(back) then/at one time* ▶ PAST 3

*from then on* ▶ AFTER 3

*in those days/back then* ▶ THEN 2

**then again**

*still/all the same/then again* ▶ BUT 1

**then and there**

*there and then/then and there*

▶ IMMEDIATELY 3

**theory** ▶ IDEA 3**therapist**

*analyst/therapist/psychotherapist*

▶ DOCTOR 2

**therapy** ▶ MEDICAL TREATMENT 1**there** ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 1

*get there* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 2

*not be there* ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 5

**there and back** ▶ RETURN 4**there and then/then and there**

▶ IMMEDIATELY 3

**there is** ▶ HAPPEN 1**there is/are** ▶ EXIST 1; HAVE/NOT  
 HAVE 4**thereabouts**

*or thereabouts* ▶ ABOUT/  
 APPROXIMATELY 3



**thereafter** ▶ AFTER 3  
**therefore** ▶ SO/THEREFORE 1  
**thermal** ▶ HOT 6  
**these days**  
*nowadays/these days* ▶ NOW 2  
**thick** ▶ LIQUID 4; STUPID/SILLY 5;  
 THICK 1  
*2 cm/1 m etc thick* ▶ THICK 2  
*how thick* ▶ THICK 2  
**thick and fast** ▶ LOT 7  
**thicken/get thicker** ▶ LIQUID 6  
**thickness** ▶ THICK 2  
**thief** ▶ STEAL 5  
**thin** ▶ DETAIL 6; LIQUID 3;  
 THIN 1, 8, 9, 10  
*be wearing thin* ▶ USE 13  
**thin on the ground**  
*be thin on the ground* ▶ RARE/  
 RARELY 1  
**thin out** ▶ CROWD 5  
**thing** ▶ CHARACTER 2, 6; DETAIL 1;  
 DO/NOT DO 7; HAPPEN 7; SUBJECT 1;  
 THING 1, 3  
*and another thing* ▶ AND/ALSO 2  
*be a near/close thing* ▶ JUST 3;  
 ALMOST 5  
*be just the thing* ▶ PERFECT 2  
*be the latest thing/be the in thing*  
 ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
 FASHIONABLE 2  
*couldn't eat another thing* ▶ EAT 10  
*do your own thing* ▶ FREE 3;  
 INDEPENDENT 3  
*first thing* ▶ EARLY 3  
*have a thing about* ▶ OBSESSION 2  
*I wouldn't change a thing* ▶ REGRET/  
 NOT REGRET 5  
*it's a good thing* ▶ LUCKY 2  
*it's a safe bet/it's a sure bet/it's a sure  
 thing* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 4  
*it's one thing after another*  
 ▶ PROBLEM 7  
*know a thing or two* ▶ EXPERIENCED/  
 NOT EXPERIENCED 1  
*last thing at night* ▶ LATE 7  
*living thing* ▶ ALIVE 3  
*not be sb's kind of thing* ▶ DISLIKE 1  
*not feel a thing* ▶ PAIN 5  
*the best thing is to ...* ▶ ADVISE 2  
*the good thing about sth*  
 ▶ ADVANTAGE 1  
*the latest thing* ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
 FASHIONABLE 6  
*the real thing* ▶ REAL 1  
*the thing is* ▶ EXPLAIN 2;  
 PROBLEM 13  
*there's no such thing* ▶ EXIST 2  
*too much of a good thing* ▶ TOO/TOO  
 MUCH 2  
**thing to say** ▶ SAY 11  
**thingamajig**  
*thingy/thingamajig* ▶ THING 3  
**thingamijig** ▶ NAME 8  
**things** ▶ CLOTHES 4; EQUIPMENT 1;  
 OWN 4; SITUATION 1; THING 2  
*as things stand/the way things stand*  
 ▶ SITUATION 3  
*be seeing things* ▶ IMAGINE 3; SEE 7  
*get things moving* ▶ START 13  
*make things worse/make it worse*  
 ▶ WORSE 3  
*on the whole/all in all/all things  
 considered* ▶ IN GENERAL 2  
*say good things about* ▶ PRAISE 1  
*see how things go* ▶ WAIT 2

*see things in black and white*  
 ▶ SIMPLE 4  
*stir things up* ▶ ARGUE 3  
*take it slowly/take things slowly*  
 ▶ SLOW 3  
*the way things are* ▶ SITUATION 3  
*to make matters/things worse*  
 ▶ WORSE 3  
**things are looking up** ▶ IMPROVE 1  
**things that go bump in the night**  
 ▶ GHOST 1  
**thingy/thingamajig** ▶ THING 3  
**think** ▶ EXPECT 1; REMEMBER 2;  
 THINK 1, 7, 8  
*don't think* ▶ DOUBT 1  
*don't think much of sth/sb*  
 ▶ DISLIKE 1  
*I can't think/can't imagine*  
 ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
 UNDERSTAND 10  
*I should think* ▶ PROBABLY 1  
*I think* ▶ THINK 12  
*I think/believe* ▶ THINK 10  
*I would think* ▶ EXPECT 2  
*say what you think* ▶ SAY 4  
*you'd think/anyone would think*  
 ▶ SEEM 3  
**think about**  
*can't stop thinking about sb/sth*  
 ▶ THINK 2  
**think about/of** ▶ THINK 3  
**think aloud/think out loud**  
 ▶ TALK 10  
**think back/look back**  
 ▶ REMEMBER 1  
**think badly of** ▶ DISAPPROVE 1  
**think for yourself** ▶ INDEPENDENT 5  
**think highly of** ▶ ADMIRE 1  
**think nothing of** ▶ EASY 4  
**think nothing of it/it was nothing**  
 ▶ THANK 5  
**think of** ▶ IDEA 4  
*make sb think of* ▶ REMIND/MAKE  
 SB REMEMBER 3  
**think of nobody but yourself/only  
 think about yourself** ▶ SELFISH/  
 NOT SELFISH 1  
**think of sb/sth as/look on sb/sth as**  
 ▶ THINK 8  
**think of/about**  
*what you think of/about sth*  
 ▶ OPINION 1  
**think over** ▶ THINK 1  
**think sth is right** ▶ APPROVE 1  
**think sth is wrong** ▶ DISAPPROVE 1  
**think the world of** ▶ LOVE 3  
**think through** ▶ THINK 1  
**think twice** ▶ DO/NOT DO 14  
**think up**  
*come up with/think up* ▶ INVENT 1  
**think you're it** ▶ PROUD 2  
**think you're too good for**  
 ▶ PROUD 4  
**think-tank** ▶ ADVISE 6  
**think/believe** ▶ THINK 11  
**thinking** ▶ OPINION 3  
*way of thinking* ▶ THINK 9  
*wishful thinking* ▶ HOPE 5  
*without thinking* ▶ THINK 6  
**thinking of**  
*I/we'll be thinking of you*  
 ▶ SYMPATHIZE 4  
**thinner**  
*get/grow thinner* ▶ THIN 11

**third degree**  
*give sb the third degree* ▶ ASK 3  
**Third World** ▶ POOR 7  
**third-rate**  
*second-rate/third-rate* ▶ BAD 3; BAD  
 AT DOING STH 1  
**thirst** ▶ THIRSTY 1  
*quench your thirst* ▶ DRINK 1  
**thirsty** ▶ THIRSTY 1  
**this day and age**  
*in this day and age* ▶ NOW 2  
**this is** ▶ MEET 3  
**this minute/right now**  
 ▶ IMMEDIATELY 1  
**thorough** ▶ CAREFUL 4, 5;  
 COMPLETE/NOT COMPLETE 2  
**those days**  
*in those days* ▶ PAST 3; THEN 2  
**though** ▶ BUT 1  
*although/though* ▶ ALTHOUGH 1, 2  
*as if/as though* ▶ WAY 8  
**though/although** ▶ BUT 1  
**thought** ▶ IDEA 1  
*be lost/deep in thought* ▶ THINK 5  
*break sb's train of thought*  
 ▶ DISTURB 1  
*don't give it another thought*  
 ▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 2  
*give sth a lot of thought* ▶ THINK 2  
*give sth some thought* ▶ THINK 1  
*have a thought* ▶ THINK 7  
*I wouldn't have thought* ▶ DOUBT 1  
*lose your train of thought*  
 ▶ SUBJECT 7  
*school of thought* ▶ OPINION 3  
**thought out**  
*not well thought out* ▶ PLAN 10  
*well/carefully thought out* ▶ PLAN 9  
**thoughtful** ▶ THINK 5  
*considerate/thoughtful* ▶ KIND 1  
**thoughtless/inconsiderate**  
 ▶ UNKIND 3  
**thoughts** ▶ OPINION 1  
**thousands**  
*by the hundreds/thousands* ▶ LOT 7  
*hundreds/thousands* ▶ LOT 3  
*hundreds/thousands of times*  
 ▶ OFTEN 1  
**thrash out** ▶ DISCUSS 2  
**threadbare** ▶ CONDITION 5  
**threat** ▶ PROBABLY 4; RISK 1;  
 THREATEN 4  
*be under threat* ▶ RISK 7  
*pose a threat* ▶ DANGEROUS 2  
**threaten** ▶ DANGEROUS 2;  
 PROBABLY 4; RISK 8; THREATEN 1  
**threatening** ▶ THREATEN 3  
**threatening behaviour**  
 ▶ THREATEN 5  
**threats**  
*make/issue threats* ▶ THREATEN 1  
**three-course meal** ▶ MEAL 8  
**threshold** ▶ LIMIT 2  
**thrifty** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 7  
**thrill** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 3, 6, 7  
*do sth for the thrill of it* ▶ EXCITED/  
 EXCITING 8  
*give sb a thrill* ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 3  
**thrilled** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 1;  
 HAPPY 3  
**thriller** ▶ BOOKS 2; FILM/MOVIE 2;  
 FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 10  
**thrilling** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 4  
**thrive** ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 7



**thriving** ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 11  
**throat**  
bring tears to sb's eyes/bring a lump to sb's throat ▶ CRY 4  
cut your own throat ▶ HARM 2  
have a lump in your throat ▶ CRY 3  
**throats**  
be at each other's throats ▶ ARGUE 1  
**throaty** ▶ VOICE 2  
**throb** ▶ PAIN 2  
**throes**  
be in the throes of ▶ SUFFER 1  
**throng** ▶ CROWD 1  
**through** ▶ ACROSS 1; BECAUSE 1; DURING 1; TIME 7; UNTIL 1  
be nearly finished/done/through ▶ FINISH 2  
be through ▶ FINISH 1, 3  
come through ▶ SURVIVE 2, 3  
get through ▶ CONTACT 3; DEAL WITH 3; REACH 4; SURVIVE 3; TELEPHONE 1; TEST 7; USE 16  
go through ▶ EXAMINE 1; EXPERIENCE 3; EXPLAIN 1; LOOK FOR 3, 6; SPEND MONEY/TIME 3; SUFFER 1; USE 16  
go/run through ▶ PRACTISE/PRACTICE 1  
**through and through**  
▶ COMPLETELY 1  
**through no fault of your own**  
▶ FAULT 4  
**throughout** ▶ EVERYWHERE 2  
**throughout/all through** ▶ ALWAYS 3  
**throw** ▶ CHEAT 4; CONFUSED 4; THROW 1, 2, 5  
cast/throw ▶ SEND 4  
**throw a party** ▶ PARTY 3  
**throw a punch** ▶ HIT 1  
**throw a spanner in the works**  
▶ SPOIL 2  
**throw a switch** ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 1  
**throw away** ▶ GET RID OF 1; THROW 6  
**throw in** ▶ GIVE 15; MENTION 1  
**throw money at** ▶ PAY 11  
**throw out** ▶ GET RID OF 1; REJECT 2; THROW 6  
**throw sb a lifeline/throw a lifeline to sb** ▶ SAVE 7  
**throw sb in jail** ▶ PRISON 2  
**throw sb off the scent** ▶ ESCAPE 3  
**throw the book at** ▶ PUNISH 2  
**throw together** ▶ MAKE 2  
**throw up** ▶ SICK/VOMIT 1  
be going to throw up ▶ SICK/VOMIT 2  
**throw your weight around**  
▶ TELL 23  
**throw your weight behind**  
▶ SUPPORT 3  
**throw/kick out** ▶ LEAVE 21, 24, 28  
**throw/kick sb out** ▶ LEAVE 11, 16  
**thrown**  
be thrown ▶ FALL 5  
**thrown in**  
be thrown in at the deep end ▶ DIFFICULT 10  
**thrust** ▶ MEANING 2; PUSH 4; PUT 3  
the thrust of sth ▶ MAIN 3  
**thud** ▶ SOUND 5  
**thug** ▶ VIOLENT 2

**thumb**  
be under sb's/the thumb ▶ OBEY 5  
it sticks/stands out like a sore thumb ▶ OBVIOUS 2  
stick/stand out like a sore thumb ▶ DIFFERENT 4  
**thumb through**  
leaf/flick/thumb through ▶ READ 3  
**thumbs**  
be all thumbs ▶ CLUMSY 1  
give sth the thumbs down ▶ REJECT 2  
**thump** ▶ HIT 1; SOUND 5  
**thunder** ▶ LOUD 4; WEATHER 13  
**thunderous** ▶ LOUD 2  
**thunderstorm** ▶ WEATHER 13  
**thwart** ▶ STOP 26  
**tick** ▶ SOUND 12  
what makes sb tick ▶ CHARACTER 1  
**tick away** ▶ TIME 23  
**ticket**  
return/return ticket ▶ RETURN 5  
round-trip ticket ▶ RETURN 5  
**ticking over**  
be ticking over ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 3  
**tickle** ▶ TOUCH 2  
**tickled**  
be tickled ▶ HAPPY 2  
**tidy** ▶ TIDY 1  
neat/tidy ▶ TIDY 3  
**tidy/tidy up** ▶ TIDY 2  
**tie** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 4; FASTEN/UNFASTEN 1; SPORT/GAME 10; TIE/UNTIE 1, 2, 3  
**tie in with** ▶ TIME 18  
**tie up** ▶ TIE/UNTIE 1, 2  
**tie up the loose ends** ▶ FINISH 2  
**tied**  
be tied up ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 8  
sb's hands are tied ▶ CAN/CAN'T 8  
**tier** ▶ LINE 6  
**ties** ▶ RELATIONSHIP 1  
sever links/connections/relations/ties ▶ SEPARATE 8  
**tiff** ▶ ARGUE 5  
**tight** ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 2; SPACE 4; STRICT/NOT STRICT 2; TIGHT 1, 2, 3  
pull sth tight ▶ TIGHT 4  
sit tight ▶ STAY 1  
**tight rein**  
keep a tight rein on ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 3  
**tight ship**  
run a tight ship ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 3  
**tight spot/corner**  
be in a tight spot/corner ▶ PROBLEM 7  
**tight squeeze**  
a tight squeeze ▶ SPACE 4  
**tight-fisted** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 8; GENEROUS/NOT GENEROUS 2  
**tight-fitting/close-fitting** ▶ TIGHT 1  
**tight/tight-fisted** ▶ GENEROUS/NOT GENEROUS 2; SPEND MONEY/TIME 8  
**tighten** ▶ TIGHT 4  
**tighten up** ▶ STRICT/NOT STRICT 4  
**tighten your belt** ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 4  
**till**  
catch sb with their fingers in the till ▶ CATCH 3  
have your fingers in the till ▶ STEAL 4  
**till all hours** ▶ LATE 7

**till you're blue in the face**  
▶ USELESS 5  
**time** ▶ MEASURE 1; TIME 3, 4, 6, 12  
a bad time ▶ CONVENIENT 4  
a bad time/not a good time ▶ TIME 15  
a good time ▶ CONVENIENT 1; TIME 14  
a short time ▶ SHORT 9  
a short time ago ▶ RECENTLY 1  
a short/brief space of time ▶ TIME 9  
ahead of time ▶ EARLY 1  
all in good time ▶ WAIT 2  
all the time ▶ ALWAYS 2, 3; OFTEN 2  
at any time ▶ EVER 1  
at no time ▶ NEVER 1  
at one time ▶ TIME 16; PAST 3  
at present/at the present time ▶ NOW 1  
at that/the time ▶ THEN 2  
at the same time ▶ TIME 16  
at this time ▶ NOW 1  
bang/dead on time ▶ ON TIME 1  
be a waste of time/be wasting your time ▶ USELESS 4; EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 4; FAIL 4  
be ahead of its/your time ▶ ADVANCED 1; BEFORE 8  
be in the right place at the right time ▶ LUCKY 1  
be in the wrong place at the wrong time ▶ UNLUCKY 1  
be out of time ▶ FINISH 8  
be pressed/pushed for time ▶ TIME 20; HURRY 5  
be short of time ▶ TIME 20  
be the time ▶ TIME 14  
by that time ▶ THEN 3  
come at a bad time/come at the wrong time/not come at a good time ▶ TIME 15  
come at the right time/come at a good time ▶ TIME 14  
do time ▶ PRISON 4  
for the time being ▶ NOW 5; TEMPORARY 2  
from time to time ▶ SOMETIMES 1  
have (very) little time/not have much time ▶ TIME 20  
have a good/great/wonderful etc time ▶ ENJOY 1  
have a hard time ▶ DIFFICULT 10; PROBLEM 6  
have a nice day/good weekend/great time etc ▶ GOODBYE 1  
have no time for ▶ DISLIKE 1  
have the time of your life/have a whale of a time ▶ ENJOY 1  
have time/have the time ▶ TIME 19  
in good time ▶ EARLY 1  
in no time/in no time at all ▶ SOON 2  
in time ▶ FINALLY 1; ON TIME 3  
just in time ▶ ON TIME 3  
most of the time ▶ IN GENERAL 1; MOST 6  
not have (the) time/have no time ▶ TIME 21  
on time ▶ ON TIME 1  
once/at one time ▶ PAST 3  
one time ▶ ONCE 1; PAST 5  
over time ▶ EARN 9  
pass the time ▶ SPEND MONEY/TIME 10  
run out of time ▶ TIME 21  
some time ▶ ABOUT/APPROXIMATELY 3; FUTURE 2  
spare time ▶ FREE 10  
take your time ▶ HURRY 6; SLOW 3



*the passage/passing of time*

► TIME 22

*the right time* ► TIME 14

*the whole time* ► ALWAYS 2

*the wrong time* ► TIME 15

*there is no time* ► TIME 21

*there is time* ► TIME 19

**time and time again** ► OFTEN 2

**time being**

*for now/for the time being* ► NOW 5

**time flies** ► TIME 23

**time immemorial**

*since/from time immemorial*

► ALWAYS 5

**time off** ► FREE 10; HOLIDAY/  
VACATION 1

**time out** ► FREE 10

*take time out* ► PAUSE 2

**time scale** ► TIME 8

**time-consuming** ► LONG 10

**time-warp**

*be stuck/caught in a time-warp*

► OLD-FASHIONED 5

**timed**

*badly timed/ill-timed* ► TIME 15

**timeless** ► LONG 11

**timely** ► TIME 14

**timer**

*old timer* ► OLD 5

**times** ► COUNT/CALCULATE 6

*at all times* ► ALWAYS 2

*at times* ► SOMETIMES 1

*behind the times* ► OLD-  
FASHIONED 6

*how many times* ► OFTEN 5

*many times* ► OFTEN 1

*move/change with the times*

► MODERN 3

**timeshare** ► HOLIDAY/VACATION 6

**timetable** ► PLAN 3; TIME 5

**timid** ► FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 7;  
SHY 1

**timing** ► TIME 4, 14

**tinkle** ► SOUND 7

**tinny** ► HIGH 7

**tint** ► COLOUR 1

**tinted** ► COLOUR 2

**tiny** ► SHORT 8; SMALL 2, 3, 4

**tip** ► ADVISE 5; EARN 9; END 4;  
PAY 4, 12; POUR 1; UNTIDY 1

*be on the tip of your tongue*

► FORGET 2, REMEMBER 3

**tip off** ► TELL 9; WARN 1

**tip over** ► FALL 3, 7

**tip-off** ► WARN 4

**tipsy** ► DRUNK 2

**tiptoe** ► WALK 8

*on tiptoe/on tiptoes* ► STAND 1

**tiptoes**

*on tiptoe/on tiptoes* ► STAND 1

**tire** ► TIRED/TIRING 6

**tire yourself out/wear yourself out/  
exhaust yourself** ► TIRED/TIRING 5

**tire/wear out** ► TIRED/TIRING 6

**tired** ► TIRED/TIRING 1, 2, 4

*get tired* ► TIRED/TIRING 5

**tired of**

*be tired of* ► BORING/BORED 5; FED  
UP 1

**tired out/worn out** ► TIRED/TIRING 1

**tiredness** ► TIRED/TIRING 8

**tireless** ► ENERGETIC 1, 3

**tiring** ► TIRED/TIRING 7

**tit for tat** ► REVENGE 2; ATTACK 4

**titillate** ► EXCITED/EXCITING 9

**title** ► NAME 1, 4

**titter** ► LAUGH 1

**to** ► TIME 2

**to come** ► FUTURE 1

**to do sth** ► IN ORDER TO 1

**to go** ► REMAIN 1

**to me** ► THINK 10

**today** ► NOW 2

**today's/of today** ► NOW 4

**toddler** ► CHILD 1

**toe the line** ► OBEY 2

**together** ► ORGANIZE 5; TIME 16;

WITH/TOGETHER 1, 2, 9, 10, 11

*be back together* ► WITH/TOGETHER 8

*be joined/be joined together* ► JOIN 5

*bring together* ► MIX 5; UNITE 4

*come together* ► MEET 4; UNITE 1

*do not go well together* ► MIX 8

*get together* ► UNITE 1

*go together* ► SUITABLE 4; SUIT/LOOK  
GOOD TOGETHER 2

*meet up/get together* ► MEET 1

*not go with/not go together* ► SUIT/  
LOOK GOOD TOGETHER 3

*pull together* ► UNITE 2

*pull yourself together* ► CONTROL/  
NOT CONTROL 13

*put your hands together* ► CLAP 2

*put your heads together* ► DISCUSS 1

*sb hasn't got it together/sb doesn't*

*have it together* ► ORGANIZE 6

*stand together* ► UNITE 2

*stick together* ► STICK 2; UNITE 2

*throw together* ► MAKE 2

**together with** ► WITH/TOGETHER 10

**toil** ► WORK 6; WORK HARD 2

**toilet** ► TOILET 1

**told**

*be told* ► FIND OUT 1

*do as you're told* ► OBEY 1

*I told you!/I told you so!* ► WARN 1

*not do as you're told* ► DISOBEY 1

**tolerable** ► STAND 6

**tolerance** ► STRICT/NOT STRICT 8

**tolerant** ► STRICT/NOT STRICT 8

**tolerate** ► ACCEPT 5; STAND 5

**toll** ► COST 1; NUMBER 2; SOUND 13

*take a toll/take its toll* ► EFFECT/  
AFFECT 2

**tomorrow**

*spend money like water/like there's no  
tomorrow* ► SPEND MONEY/TIME 3

**ton**

*weigh a ton* ► HEAVY 1

**tone** ► VOICE 1

*firm/tone up* ► EXERCISE 2

**tone down** ► REDUCE 5

**tongue**

*be on the tip of your tongue*

► FORGET 2; REMEMBER 3

*bite your tongue* ► SAY 10

*sb's mother tongue* ► LANGUAGE 3

*slip of the tongue* ► MISTAKE 1

**tongue-in-cheek** ► JOKE 6

**tongue-tied** ► SAY 10

**tongues are wagging** ► TALK 6

**tons** ► LOT 1, 2

**too** ► AND/ALSO 1; TOO/TOO MUCH 1

*about time too* ► LATE 2

*be too big/small* ► FIT/NOT FIT 2

*not too/very many* ► TOO/TOO  
MUCH 5

*not too/very much* ► TOO/TOO  
MUCH 5

**too bad** ► UNFORTUNATELY 1

**too early** ► EARLY 2

**too far**

*go too far/take sth too far* ► TOO/TOO  
MUCH 3

**too good**

*think you're too good for* ► PROUD 4

**too late** ► LATE 6

*before it's too late* ► ON TIME 3

*it's not too late* ► TIME 19

*leave it too late/a bit late* ► LATE 6

**too many** ► TOO/TOO MUCH 2

**too much** ► TOO/TOO MUCH 2

*be too much for sb* ► DIFFICULT 10

**too much of a good thing** ► TOO/  
TOO MUCH 2

**too soon** ► EARLY 2

*not a moment too soon* ► ON TIME 3

**tool** ► TOOL 1; USE 21; WAY 3

**tools** ► EQUIPMENT 1

*down tools* ► STRIKE 1

**tooth**

*be a bit long in the tooth* ► OLD 3

**toothache**

*headache/toothache/backache/*

*stomach ache* ► PAIN 1

**top** ► BEST 1; MOST 3; POSITION/  
RANK 4; SURFACE 1; TOP 1, 3

*at the top* ► TOP 2

*at the top of your voice* ► LOUD 2

*at top speed* ► FAST 1

*be (sitting) on top of the world*

► HAPPY 3

*be at the top* ► POSITION/RANK 2

*be at the top of the agenda*

► IMPORTANT 3

*be on top form* ► BEST 4

*blow your top/hit the roof/go crazy/go  
nuts/have a fit* ► ANGRY 6

*come out on top* ► WIN 2

*off the top of my/your head*

► GUESS 2; IMMEDIATELY 3;  
THINK 6

*on top* ► TOP 2

*on top of* ► AND/ALSO 2; ON/ON TOP  
OF 1

*over the top* ► TOO/TOO MUCH 3

*rise to the top* ► SUCCEED/  
SUCCESSFUL 6

**top ranking**

*high-ranking/top ranking*

► POSITION/RANK 4

**top story/lead story** ► NEWS 2

**top up** ► FULL 4

**top/cap** ► COVER 4

**topic** ► SUBJECT 1

**topical** ► NOW 4

**topmost/uppermost** ► TOP 3

**topple over** ► FALL 3

**torch** ► BURN 3

**torment** ► SUFFER 3

**torn** ► TEAR 4

**tornado** ► WEATHER 13

**torrent** ► WATER 3

**torso** ► BODY 3

**tortuous** ► BEND 7;

COMPLICATED 1

**toss** ► THROW 1

**toss and turn** ► SLEEP 6

**toss-up**

*it's a toss-up* ► UNCERTAIN 3

**toss/chuck** ► THROW 6

**toss/flip** ► THROW 3



**total** ▶ TOTAL 1, 2  
    *complete/total/absolute/utter*  
    ▶ COMPLETELY 1  
    *grand total* ▶ TOTAL 1  
**total/complete** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 3  
**totalitarian** ▶ GOVERNMENT 4  
**totally** ▶ COMPLETELY 1  
**tote** ▶ CARRY 1  
**totter/teeter** ▶ BALANCE 4  
**touch** ▶ PRESS 1; REACH 2;  
    TOUCH 1, 3, 4  
    *a touch of* ▶ ILLNESS/DISEASE 4  
    *a touch/hint/trace of sth* ▶ LITTLE 7  
    *be a soft touch* ▶ PERSUADE 10  
    *be out of touch* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
        KNOW 17  
    *don't touch* ▶ TOUCH 6  
    *get in touch with* ▶ CONTACT 1;  
        WRITE 4  
    *hardly touch your food/dinner/meal  
        etc* ▶ EAT 7  
    *I wouldn't touch it with a barge pole*  
        ▶ REJECT 7  
    *keep/stay in touch* ▶ CONTACT 2;  
        WRITE 4  
    *lose touch* ▶ CONTACT 5; KNOW/NOT  
        KNOW 17  
    *not touch* ▶ DRINK 9  
    *put the finishing touch/touches to*  
        ▶ FINISH 2  
    *to the touch* ▶ TOUCH 5  
**touch and go**  
    *it's touch and go* ▶ UNCERTAIN 2  
**touch down** ▶ DOWN 2  
**touch on** ▶ MENTION 1  
**touch wood** ▶ LUCKY 6  
**touches**  
    *put the finishing touch/touches to*  
        ▶ FINISH 2  
**touching** ▶ FEEL 10  
**touchy** ▶ ANGRY 13; DIFFICULT 5;  
    OFFEND 3  
**tough** ▶ DETERMINED 2;  
    DIFFICULT 1, 8; HARD 2; STRICT/NOT  
    STRICT 1, 2; STRONG 2, 4  
    *get tough with* ▶ STRICT/NOT  
        STRICT 3  
**tough!** ▶ DON'T CARE 1  
**tour** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6;  
    TRAVEL 7, 8, 9  
    *be on tour* ▶ TRAVEL 7  
    *take sb on a tour* ▶ SHOW 6  
**tour guide** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 7  
**tourism** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 7  
**tourist** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 4;  
    TRAVEL 11  
    *travel/tourist industry* ▶ HOLIDAY/  
        VACATION 7  
**tourist attraction** ▶ HOLIDAY/  
    VACATION 6  
**tourist destination** ▶ HOLIDAY/  
    VACATION 6  
**tourist trap** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6  
**tournament** ▶ COMPETITION 1  
**tout** ▶ SELL 6  
**tow** ▶ PULL 3  
**towards** ▶ TOWARDS 1  
    *behave towards* ▶ BEHAVE 6  
    *behaviour towards sb* ▶ BEHAVE 7  
    *come towards* ▶ TOWARDS 2  
    *gesture at/towards* ▶ POINT AT 1  
    *go towards* ▶ TOWARDS 2  
    *head towards* ▶ TOWARDS 2  
    *pay/give towards* ▶ GIVE 14  
**tower over/above** ▶ HIGH 4; TALL 3

**towering** ▶ HIGH 2  
**town** ▶ TOWN 1, 6  
    *ghost town* ▶ EMPTY 3  
    *home town* ▶ COME FROM 2; TOWN 4  
    *in/into town* ▶ TOWN 2  
    *the whole world/town/office etc*  
        ▶ EVERYONE 1  
**townhouse** ▶ HOUSE 1  
**toxic** ▶ HARM 4  
**toy with the idea of** ▶ THINK 3  
**trace** ▶ DRAW 1; FIND 1; LITTLE 2;  
    SIGN 5  
    *a touch/hint/trace of sth* ▶ LITTLE 7  
    *disappear/vanish without trace*  
        ▶ DISAPPEAR 1  
**track** ▶ ROAD/PATH 2  
    *be on the right track* ▶ RIGHT 2  
    *be on the wrong track/tack*  
        ▶ WRONG 3  
    *keep track* ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 1  
    *lose track of* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 17  
    *off the beaten track* ▶ FAR 3  
**track down** ▶ FIND 1  
**track/trail** ▶ FOLLOW 2  
**tracks** ▶ LINE 3; MARK 4  
    *cover your tracks* ▶ HIDE 8  
    *I'd better make tracks* ▶ LEAVE 2  
    *stop dead/stop dead in your tracks*  
        ▶ STOP 10  
    *stop sb dead/stop sb dead in their  
        tracks* ▶ STOP 13  
**tract** ▶ AREA 5  
**trade** ▶ BUSINESS 1, 4; EACH  
    OTHER 1; EXCHANGE 1; JOB 1  
    *do a roaring trade* ▶ SELL 12  
**trade away** ▶ GIVE 12  
**trade in** ▶ EXCHANGE 1  
**trader** ▶ SELL 5  
    *market trader* ▶ SHOP/STORE 5  
**trading** ▶ SELL 1  
**tradition** ▶ TRADITION 1, 2  
    *break with tradition/break with the  
        past* ▶ TRADITION 4  
**traditional** ▶ CONVENTIONAL/  
    UNCONVENTIONAL 1; OLD-  
    FASHIONED 3; TRADITION 1  
**traditionalist** ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 6  
**trafficking** ▶ SELL 2  
    *drug trafficking* ▶ DRUG 7  
**tragedy** ▶ DISASTER 1  
**tragic** ▶ DISASTER 2  
**trail** ▶ LOSE 5; ROAD/PATH 4  
    *track/trail* ▶ FOLLOW 2  
**train** ▶ EXERCISE 1; LEARN 1;  
    PRACTISE/PRACTICE 1; PREPARE 4;  
    TEACH 1  
    *by car/boat/plane/train* ▶ TRAVEL 3  
**train of thought**  
    *break sb's train of thought*  
        ▶ DISTURB 1  
    *lose your train of thought*  
        ▶ SUBJECT 7  
**trainee** ▶ LEARN 3  
**trainer** ▶ TEACH 5  
**training** ▶ EXERCISE 3; PRACTISE/  
    PRACTICE 2; TEACH 4  
    *be in training* ▶ PRACTISE/  
        PRACTICE 1  
**traipse** ▶ WALK 4  
**trait** ▶ CHARACTER 2  
**traitor** ▶ BETRAY 4  
**tramp** ▶ HOME 9  
**tranquil** ▶ PEACEFUL 1  
**tranquillity** ▶ PEACEFUL 2

**trans-** ▶ ACROSS 1  
**transaction** ▶ BUSINESS 5  
**transcribe** ▶ COPY 2  
**transfer** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
    CHANGE 12, 15; GIVE 8; MOVE/NOT  
    MOVE 6, 7  
**transform** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 6  
**transformation** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
    CHANGE 16  
**transient** ▶ HOME 9  
**transit**  
    *in transit* ▶ TAKE 2  
**transition** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
    CHANGE 21  
**translate** ▶ TRANSLATE 1  
**translation** ▶ TRANSLATE 2  
    *in translation* ▶ TRANSLATE 2  
**translator** ▶ TRANSLATE 3  
**transparent** ▶ SEE 8  
**transpires**  
    *it transpires that* ▶ FIND OUT 3  
**transport** ▶ TAKE 1, 2  
**trap** ▶ CATCH 5; TRICK/DECEIVE 3  
    *death trap* ▶ DANGEROUS 2  
    *fall into the trap of doing sth*  
        ▶ MISTAKE 5  
    *tourist trap* ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6  
**trapped** ▶ ESCAPE 7  
**trash** ▶ DAMAGE 2; DESTROY 1  
    *garbage/trash* ▶ RUBBISH/  
        GARBAGE 1  
**trashed**  
    *smashed/plastered/trashed*  
        ▶ DRUNK 3  
**trauma** ▶ EXPERIENCE 2  
**traumatic** ▶ UPSET 4  
**traumatized** ▶ SHOCKED/  
    SHOCKING 1  
**travel** ▶ TRAVEL 1, 2, 7  
**travel agency** ▶ HOLIDAY/  
    VACATION 7  
**travel around** ▶ TRAVEL 8  
**travel/tourist industry** ▶ HOLIDAY/  
    VACATION 7  
**traveller** ▶ TRAVEL 11  
**travelling** ▶ TRAVEL 11  
**travels**  
    *on your travels* ▶ TRAVEL 8  
**travesty** ▶ UNFAIR 5  
**trawl/trawl through** ▶ LOOK FOR 3  
**treacherous** ▶ DANGEROUS 1;  
    LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 3  
**treachery** ▶ BETRAY 1  
**treason** ▶ BETRAY 2  
**treasures** ▶ VALUE 3  
**treat** ▶ BEHAVE 6; BUY 3; DEAL  
    WITH 4; MEDICAL TREATMENT 2;  
    PAY 2  
**treat sb like dirt** ▶ CRUEL 5  
**treatment** ▶ BEHAVE 7; MEDICAL  
    TREATMENT 1  
    *preferential treatment* ▶ UNFAIR 4  
    *the silent treatment* ▶ TALK 17  
**treaty** ▶ AGREE 6  
    *peace treaty* ▶ PEACE 2  
**trees**  
    *money doesn't grow on trees* ▶ RICH 6  
**trek** ▶ TRAVEL 9; WALK 11, 15  
**tremble** ▶ SHAKE 2  
**tremendous** ▶ BIG 7  
**tremendously**  
    *enormously/tremendously* ▶ LOT 14



**trend** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 21;  
FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 6  
*set the trend* ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
FASHIONABLE 4  
**trendy** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
FASHIONABLE 1, 5  
**trespass** ▶ ENTER 4  
**trial** ▶ COURT/TRIAL 2; TEST 9  
*be on trial* ▶ ACCUSE 4; COURT/  
TRIAL 5  
*come to trial* ▶ COURT/TRIAL 6  
*put sb on trial* ▶ ACCUSE 2; COURT/  
TRIAL 4  
*stand trial* ▶ COURT/TRIAL 5  
**trial and error** ▶ TRY 8  
**trial run** ▶ TEST 9  
**tribute**  
*be a tribute to* ▶ SHOW 10  
*pay tribute to* ▶ PRAISE 1  
**trick** ▶ MAGIC 3; TRICK/DECEIVE 1, 3  
*do the job/do the trick* ▶ EFFECTIVE/  
NOT EFFECTIVE 1  
*play a trick/joke* ▶ JOKE 2  
**trick question** ▶ ASK 7  
**trick sb out of** ▶ CHEAT 1  
**tricked**  
*be tricked/deceived* ▶ TRICK/  
DECEIVE 2  
**trickery** ▶ TRICK/DECEIVE 6  
**trickle** ▶ FLOW 1; LITTLE 1  
*a trickle* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 3  
**trickle in** ▶ ENTER 7  
**tricks**  
*dirty tricks* ▶ DISHONEST 4  
**tricky** ▶ DIFFICULT 4, 5  
**tried**  
*be tried* ▶ COURT/TRIAL 5  
**trigger/spark** ▶ CAUSE 3  
**trim** ▶ CUT 5, 6; REDUCE 4  
**trip** ▶ FALL 2, 6; HOLIDAY/VACATION 3;  
TRAVEL 9  
*day trip* ▶ TRAVEL 10  
*go on a trip/take a trip* ▶ TRAVEL 1  
**triple** ▶ INCREASE 3  
*double/triple in value* ▶ VALUE 5  
*double/triple/quadruple*  
▶ INCREASE 6  
**trite** ▶ USE 13  
**triumph** ▶ WIN 6  
**trivia** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 5  
**trivial** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 1  
**trivialize** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 6  
**troop in** ▶ ENTER 7  
**troops** ▶ ARMY 2  
**trophy** ▶ WIN 9  
**trot** ▶ RUN 1  
**trouble** ▶ FAULT 1; PROBLEM 1, 12;  
WORRIED/WORRYING 2  
*be asking for trouble* ▶ RISK 4  
*be in trouble* ▶ DANGEROUS 3;  
PROBLEM 6; PUNISH 9  
*cause/make trouble* ▶ PROBLEM 10  
*get into trouble* ▶ BEHAVE 3; CRIME 5  
*have difficulty/trouble*  
▶ DIFFICULT 10  
*have trouble/difficulty* ▶ PROBLEM 6  
*put sb to a lot of trouble*  
▶ PROBLEM 12  
*stay out of trouble* ▶ BEHAVE 2  
*take the trouble to do sth* ▶ TRY 6  
*the trouble/problem is*  
▶ PROBLEM 13  
**troublemaker** ▶ PROBLEM 11

**troubles** ▶ PROBLEM 2  
*teething troubles/pains/problems*  
▶ PROBLEM 1  
**troublesome** ▶ PROBLEM 8  
**trousers**  
*wear the trousers* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 1  
**truant**  
*play truant* ▶ GO 3  
**truce** ▶ PEACE 2  
**trudge/plod** ▶ WALK 4  
**true** ▶ REAL 2, 3, 5, 6  
*be partly true/partially true* ▶ TRUE 4  
*be true* ▶ TRUE 1  
*be true to* ▶ LOYAL/NOT LOYAL 1  
*come true* ▶ HAPPEN 2  
*it's true that* ▶ ADMIT 5  
*not ring true* ▶ UNTRUE 1  
*not true* ▶ UNTRUE 1  
**true colours** ▶ CHARACTER 3  
**true to form** ▶ TYPICAL 2  
**true to life** ▶ REAL 7  
**truly** ▶ REAL 3; TRUE 6  
**trumped-up** ▶ UNTRUE 1  
**trumpet**  
*blow your own trumpet* ▶ BOAST 1  
**trumps**  
*turn up trumps/come up trumps*  
▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 2  
**trundle** ▶ PUSH 2  
**trust** ▶ ORGANIZATION 3; TRUST/NOT  
TRUST 1, 3  
*can trust* ▶ HONEST 1  
*not trust* ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 6  
*take sth on trust* ▶ BELIEVE 1  
**trusted**  
*sb can't be trusted* ▶ TRUST/NOT  
TRUST 9  
**trusting** ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 4  
**trustworthy** ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 1  
**truth** ▶ TRUE 7  
*be economical with the truth* ▶ LIE 3  
*be the gospel truth/be gospel*  
▶ TRUE 3  
*be the truth* ▶ TRUE 1  
*element/grain of truth* ▶ TRUE 4  
*have a ring of truth* ▶ BELIEVE 5  
*tell the truth* ▶ HONEST 4; TRUE 5  
*the truth* ▶ TRUE 7  
*the truth/fact is* ▶ ACTUALLY 1  
*there is no truth in/to sth* ▶ UNTRUE 1  
*there's some truth in/to sth* ▶ TRUE 4  
*to be honest/to tell the truth*  
▶ ADMIT 3  
*to tell the truth* ▶ TRUE 5  
**truthful** ▶ HONEST 2; TRUE 1, 5  
**truths**  
*home truths* ▶ TRUE 7  
**try** ▶ OPEN 1; TASTE 9; TRY 1, 8  
*do/try your best* ▶ TRY 3  
*give it a go/a try/a whirl* ▶ TRY 4  
*give sth a try* ▶ TRY 8  
*have a try* ▶ TRY 1  
**try again** ▶ TELEPHONE 3  
**try as hard as you can** ▶ TRY 3  
**try for** ▶ TRY 5  
**try hard** ▶ TRY 2  
**try it on** ▶ BEHAVE 3  
**try on** ▶ CLOTHES 7  
**try out** ▶ TEST 10; TRY 8  
**try out for** ▶ TRY 5  
**try to find** ▶ LOOK FOR 1, 2  
**try to remember** ▶ REMEMBER 2  
**try your hand at** ▶ TRY 8

**try/think/push etc too hard** ▶ TOO/  
TOO MUCH 3  
**tubby** ▶ FAT 3  
**tubular** ▶ ROUND 5  
**tuck** ▶ PUT 5  
**tuck in**  
*dig in/tuck in* ▶ EAT 1  
**tucked away**  
*have sth tucked away* ▶ SAVE 2  
**tug** ▶ PULL 1  
**tuition** ▶ TEACH 4  
**tumble** ▶ FALL 1, 4  
**tumbledown** ▶ CONDITION 3  
**tune** ▶ MUSIC 1  
*be in tune with* ▶ SAME 11  
*call the tune/shots* ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
CONTROL 1  
*change your tune* ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 25  
**tune in** ▶ LISTEN 4  
**tune out** ▶ IGNORE 1  
**tune-up** ▶ REPAIR 3  
**tunnel** ▶ DIG 1  
*light at the end of the tunnel*  
▶ HOPE 6  
**turf** ▶ AREA 7  
**turkey**  
*talk turkey* ▶ TALK 2  
**turn** ▶ BECOME 1;  
TURN 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11  
*do sb a good turn* ▶ HELP 1  
*in turn* ▶ ORDER 4  
*put/turn the clock back* ▶ PAST 4  
*toss and turn* ▶ SLEEP 6  
*wait your turn* ▶ WAIT 1  
**turn a blind eye** ▶ IGNORE 3  
**turn around** ▶ TURN 6  
**turn away** ▶ ENTER 9; TURN 6  
**turn down** ▶ FOLD 1; QUIET 6;  
REDUCE 1; REJECT 1, 2, 6  
**turn in** ▶ SLEEP 4  
**turn in/turn over** ▶ GIVE 7  
**turn into**  
*change into/turn into* ▶ BECOME 2  
**turn into sth** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 1  
**turn off** ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 2  
*switch/turn off* ▶ SWITCH ON OR  
OFF 5  
**turn on** ▶ ATTACK 2; SWITCH ON OR  
OFF 1  
*switch/turn on* ▶ SWITCH ON OR  
OFF 5  
**turn out** ▶ EMPTY 5; HAPPEN 4;  
SWITCH ON OR OFF 2  
*churn out/turn out* ▶ MAKE 1  
*come out right/turn out right*  
▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 3  
**turn over** ▶ TURN 7, 10, 11  
*hand sb over/turn sb over* ▶ GIVE 7  
**turn over a new leaf** ▶ BEHAVE 4  
**turn sb against** ▶ DISLIKE 4  
**turn sb on** ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 9  
**turn sour** ▶ UNFRIENDLY 3  
**turn sth over in your mind**  
▶ THINK 2  
**turn sth/sb into** ▶ CHANGE/NOT  
CHANGE 6  
**turn to** ▶ ASK 16; START 5  
**turn up** ▶ ARRIVE 1, 5; FIND 1, 5;  
HAPPEN 1; INCREASE 9; LOUD 5  
*not turn up/not show up* ▶ MEET 8  
*show up/turn up* ▶ GO 1  
**turn your back** ▶ TURN 6



**turn your back on** ▶ REJECT 4  
**turn your face away** ▶ LOOK 8  
**turn your head** ▶ TURN 6  
**turn your nose up at/turn up your nose at** ▶ REJECT 7  
**turn your stomach** ▶ HORRIBLE 6  
**turn-off**  
*be a turn-off* ▶ SEXY 3  
**turn-on**  
*be a turn-on* ▶ SEXY 2  
**turnaround** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 16  
**turned**  
*have turned 20/30 etc* ▶ AGE 2  
**turned off**  
*be turned off* ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 4  
**turned on**  
*be turned on* ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 3  
**turned out**  
*well turned out* ▶ WELL-DRESSED 1  
**turnout** ▶ THERE/NOT THERE 4  
**turnover** ▶ BUSINESS 2; SELL 11  
**turns**  
*take it in turns/take turns* ▶ SHARE 2  
*take turns* ▶ ORDER 4  
**tutor** ▶ TEACH 5  
**tutorial** ▶ CLASS 2  
**twenty-four-hour/24-hour**  
 ▶ CONTINUE 6  
**twice** ▶ TWO 8, 10  
*think twice* ▶ DO/NOT DO 14  
**twiddle** ▶ TURN 2  
**twig** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 6  
**twin** ▶ TWO 3, 5  
**twinge** ▶ PAIN 1  
**twinkle** ▶ SHINE/SHINY 2  
**twirl** ▶ TURN 1, 3  
**twist** ▶ BEND 1, 7, 8; CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 10; TURN 2, 9  
*can wrap/twist sb round your little finger* ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 5  
*drive sb round the bend/twist* ▶ CRAZY 5  
**twist sb's arm** ▶ PERSUADE 3  
**twist/wrench** ▶ HURT/INJURE 2  
**twisted** ▶ BAD 5; BEND 6  
**twitch** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 4; SHAKE 2  
**two** ▶ TWO 1  
*for two* ▶ TWO 6  
*the two of them/us/you* ▶ BOTH 1  
**two minds**  
*be in two minds* ▶ DECIDE 7  
**two of a kind**  
*be two of a kind* ▶ LIKE/SIMILAR 7  
**two-faced** ▶ PRETEND 5  
**two-man** ▶ TWO 6  
**two-way** ▶ EACH OTHER 1  
**twofold** ▶ TWO 9, 10  
**twos**  
*in ones and twos* ▶ FEW/NOT MANY 3  
**type** ▶ WRITE 3  
*not be sb's type* ▶ DISLIKE 1; UNSUITABLE 4  
**type/kind/sort** ▶ TYPE 1  
**typhoon**  
*hurricane/typhoon* ▶ WEATHER 13  
**typical** ▶ TYPICAL 1, 2  
**typically** ▶ USUALLY 1  
**typify** ▶ TYPICAL 3

**typo** ▶ MISTAKE 2  
**tyrannical** ▶ CRUEL 1  
**tyranny** ▶ GOVERNMENT 4  
**tyrant** ▶ CRUEL 1  
**tyre**  
*spare tyre* ▶ FAT 5

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**U-turn** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 20  
**ugly** ▶ UGLY 1, 3  
**ulterior**  
*have ulterior motives* ▶ REASON 7  
**ultimate** ▶ BEST 1  
**ultimatum** ▶ THREATEN 4  
**ultra** ▶ EXTREME 1  
**umpire** ▶ JUDGE 2  
*referee/umpire* ▶ SPORT/GAME 8  
**unabashed** ▶ ASHAMED 4  
**unable**  
*be unable to do sth* ▶ CAN/CAN'T 6, 7  
*not able/be unable to have children* ▶ BABY 13  
**unacceptable** ▶ STAND 7  
**unaccompanied** ▶ ALONE 1  
**unaccustomed/unused to** ▶ USED TO/ACCUSTOMED TO 6  
**unadulterated** ▶ PURE 1  
**unaffected** ▶ SAME 4  
**unaided** ▶ ALONE 2  
**unambiguous** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 1  
**unanimous** ▶ AGREE 7; EVERYONE 4  
**unannounced** ▶ EXPECT 8  
**unappetizing** ▶ HORRIBLE 3  
**unapproachable** ▶ UNFRIENDLY 2  
**unarmed** ▶ WEAPON 3  
**unashamed** ▶ ASHAMED 4  
**unassuming** ▶ MODEST 1  
**unattainable** ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 3  
**unattractive** ▶ UGLY 2, 3  
**unavailable/not available**  
 ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 5  
**unaware**  
*be unaware/not be aware* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 14  
**unawares**  
*catch sb off guard/catch sb unawares* ▶ EXPECT 8  
**unbearable** ▶ STAND 7  
**unbeknown to sb** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 14  
**unbelievable** ▶ BELIEVE 6  
**unbelievable/incredible**  
 ▶ SURPRISED/SURPRISING 5  
**unbelievably**  
*incredibly/unbelievably* ▶ VERY 2  
**unbiased** ▶ FAIR 3  
**unblemished** ▶ PERFECT 1; SPOIL 7  
**unborn child/baby** ▶ BABY 3  
**unbreakable** ▶ STRONG 4  
**unbutton** ▶ FASTEN/UNFASTEN 2  
**uncertain** ▶ UNCERTAIN 2  
*in no uncertain terms* ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 2  
*make sb unsure/uncertain* ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 5  
*unsure/uncertain* ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 3  
**uncertain/not certain**  
 ▶ UNCERTAIN 1

**uncertainty**  
*there is uncertainty about/over sth*  
 ▶ UNCERTAIN 1  
**unchanged** ▶ SAME 4  
**unchanging** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 22; SAME 5  
**uncharacteristic** ▶ TYPICAL 4  
**uncharted** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 20  
**unchecked** ▶ LET/ALLOW 5  
**unclear/not clear** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 3, 4, 8; UNCERTAIN 1  
**uncomfortable** ▶ COMFORTABLE/UNCOMFORTABLE 5, 6, 7; EMBARRASSED/EMBARRASSING 1  
**uncommon/not common** ▶ RARE/RARELY 2; UNUSUAL 1  
**uncomplicated** ▶ SIMPLE 1  
**uncompromising** ▶ DETERMINED 2  
**unconcerned** ▶ DON'T CARE 3  
**unconditional** ▶ CONDITION 10  
**unconnected**  
*unrelated/unconnected*  
 ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 6  
**unconscious** ▶ ACCIDENTALLY 2; UNCONSCIOUS 1  
*be unconscious of* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 14  
*beat sb unconscious/beat sb senseless* ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 4  
*knock sb out/knock sb unconscious* ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 4  
**unconsciously** ▶ ACCIDENTALLY 2  
**unconsciousness**  
*slip/sink/lapse/fall into unconsciousness*  
 ▶ UNCONSCIOUS 2  
**uncontrollable** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 14  
**uncontrollably**  
*laugh helplessly/uncontrollably/hysterically* ▶ LAUGH 4  
**unconventional** ▶ CONVENTIONAL/UNCONVENTIONAL 2; UNUSUAL 4  
**unconvincing** ▶ BELIEVE 6  
**uncooked** ▶ COOK 3  
**uncool** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 8  
**uncooperative** ▶ HELP 8  
**uncoordinated** ▶ CLUMSY 2  
**uncork** ▶ OPEN 4  
**uncover/unearth** ▶ FIND OUT 2  
**undaunted** ▶ CONTINUE 3  
**undecided**  
*be undecided* ▶ DECIDE 6  
**undemonstrative** ▶ SHOW 16  
**undeniable/indisputable** ▶ TRUE 3  
**under** ▶ LESS 2; POSITION/RANK 6; TYPE 4; UNDER/BELOW 1, 3  
*go under* ▶ DOWN 4; FAIL 8  
*say sth under your breath* ▶ SAY 8  
*take sb under your wing* ▶ LOOK AFTER 5  
**under-5s**  
*the under-5s/11s/25s etc* ▶ AGE 6  
**under/underneath** ▶ UNDER/BELOW 4  
**underclass** ▶ CLASS 7  
**undercover** ▶ SECRET 1, 3  
**underdone/undercooked/not cooked** ▶ COOK 3  
**underestimate** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 8; GUESS 4; UNIMPORTANT 6



**underestimate yourself**  
▶ MODEST 2

**underfed** ▶ HUNGRY/NOT HUNGRY 5

**undergo** ▶ HAPPEN 3; SUFFER 1

**undergraduate** ▶ STUDY 5

**underground** ▶ SECRET 3

**underground/below ground**  
▶ UNDER/BELOW 3

**underhand** ▶ DISHONEST 2

**underline** ▶ LINE 9

**underline/underscore**  
▶ EMPHASIZE 1

**underlying** ▶ BASIC 1; CAUSE 4

**undermine** ▶ SPOIL 2

**underneath** ▶ CHARACTER 3;  
UNDER/BELOW 1  
*under/underneath* ▶ UNDER/  
BELOW 4

**underneath it all** ▶ REAL 4

**underprivileged** ▶ POOR 3

**underscore**  
*underline/underscore*  
▶ EMPHASIZE 1

**underside**  
*the underside* ▶ BOTTOM 4

**understaffed**  
*be understaffed* ▶ WORK FOR SB 6

**understand** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 1;  
UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 1, 2  
*begin to understand* ▶ UNDERSTAND/  
NOT UNDERSTAND 6  
*easy to understand/follow*  
▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 8  
*give sb to understand (that)* ▶ TELL 6  
*not understand* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 10

**understand by** ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT  
UNDERSTAND 5

**understandable** ▶ UNDERSTAND/  
NOT UNDERSTAND 2

**understanding** ▶ AGREE 6; KIND 2;  
MEANING 7; SYMPATHIZE 5, 6;  
UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 7

**understate** ▶ UNIMPORTANT 6

**undertaking** ▶ PROMISE 2; WORK 11

**undertone** ▶ MEANING 5

**underwater/under water** ▶ UNDER/  
BELOW 3

**underweight** ▶ THIN 5

**underworld** ▶ CRIME 4

**underwrite** ▶ PAY 11

**undeserved** ▶ UNFAIR 1

**undesirable** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 10

**undivided**  
*give sth/sb your undivided attention*  
▶ ATTENTION 2

**undo** ▶ FASTEN/UNFASTEN 2; TIE/  
UNTIE 4

**undoubtedly/unquestionably/  
without doubt/without a doubt**  
▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 1

**undress** ▶ CLOTHES 10

**undressed** ▶ CLOTHES 12  
*get undressed* ▶ CLOTHES 10

**unearth** ▶ FIND 5  
*uncover/unearth* ▶ FIND OUT 2

**uneasy** ▶ NERVOUS 1, 5; WORRIED/  
WORRYING 1

**uneconomic** ▶ PROFIT 4

**unemotional** ▶ FEEL 13

**unemployed** ▶ JOB 5

**unending**  
*endless/unending/never-ending*  
▶ CONTINUE 7

**unenthusiastic/not enthusiastic**  
▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/  
UNENTHUSIASTIC 5

**unequal** ▶ EQUAL/NOT EQUAL 8, 9

**unequivocal** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 1

**uneven** ▶ FLAT/NOT FLAT 6

**unexpected** ▶ EXPECT 8;  
SURPRISED/SURPRISING 5

**unexplained** ▶ SOLVE 7

**unfailing** ▶ ALWAYS 2

**unfair** ▶ UNFAIR 3

**unfair/not fair** ▶ UNFAIR 1

**unfaithful** ▶ SEX 7

**unfamiliar** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 13;  
RECOGNIZE 3; USED TO/  
ACCUSTOMED TO 7  
*not be familiar with/be unfamiliar  
with* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 13

**unfashionable** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
FASHIONABLE 8; OLD-FASHIONED 3

**unfasten** ▶ FASTEN/UNFASTEN 2

**unfavourable** ▶ DIFFICULT 9

**unfazed/not fazed** ▶ CALM 1

**unfilled** ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT  
AVAILABLE 2

**unfinished**  
*not finished/unfinished* ▶ FINISH 11

**unfit** ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 6; UNSUITABLE 1

**unfit for human consumption**  
▶ EAT 14

**unfit for human habitation** ▶ LIVE 7

**unfold** ▶ FOLD 5; OPEN 5

**unforeseeable** ▶ PREDICT 5

**unforeseen** ▶ EXPECT 8

**unforgettable** ▶ REMEMBER 5

**unforgivable/unforgiveable**  
▶ FORGIVE/NOT FORGIVE 3

**unfortunate** ▶ UNFORTUNATELY 2;  
UNLUCKY 1, 3  
*it's unfortunate*  
▶ UNFORTUNATELY 1

**unfortunately** ▶ UNFORTUNATELY 1;  
UNLUCKY 3

**unfounded** ▶ REASON 8

**unfriendly/not friendly**  
▶ UNFRIENDLY 1, 3, 4

**ungainly** ▶ CLUMSY 2

**ungrateful** ▶ THANK 6

**unhappiness** ▶ SAD 8

**unhappy** ▶ SAD 1, 4  
*make sb (feel) sad/unhappy* ▶ SAD 5  
*not be happy/be unhappy*  
▶ SATISFIED/NOT SATISFIED 6

**unharmd** ▶ HURT/INJURE 7

**unhealthy** ▶ HEALTHY/  
UNHEALTHY 7, 8  
*have an unhealthy interest in*  
▶ OBSESSION 2

**unheard of** ▶ UNUSUAL 3

**unhelpful**  
*not helpful/unhelpful* ▶ HELP 8

**unhurried** ▶ HURRY 7

**unhurt** ▶ HURT/INJURE 7

**unhygienic** ▶ DIRTY 3

**unidentified** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 20;  
NAME 9

**uniform** ▶ CLOTHES 3; SAME 6

**unimportant**  
*not important/unimportant*  
▶ UNIMPORTANT 1

**unimpressive** ▶ IMPRESS 5

**uninformed** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 19

**uninhabitable** ▶ LIVE 7

**uninhabited** ▶ EMPTY 3

**uninhibited** ▶ RELAX/RELAXED 3

**uninitiated**  
*the uninitiated* ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT  
EXPERIENCED 3

**uninspiring** ▶ BORING/BORED 1

**unintelligent** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 5

**unintelligible** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 3;  
UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 11

**unintended/unintentional**  
▶ ACCIDENTALLY 1

**unintentional**  
*unintended/unintentional*  
▶ ACCIDENTALLY 1

**unintentionally** ▶ ACCIDENTALLY 1

**uninterested** ▶ INTERESTED 6

**uninterrupted** ▶ CONTINUE 5

**uninvited** ▶ INVITE 4

**union** ▶ ORGANIZATION 4

**unique** ▶ DIFFERENT 3; SPECIAL 1;  
UNUSUAL 2  
*be unique to* ▶ ONLY 5

**unisex** ▶ SEX 2

**unit** ▶ GROUP 4; HOSPITAL 3;  
MEASURE 3

**unite** ▶ UNITE 1, 4

**united**  
*be united* ▶ UNITE 2

**unity** ▶ UNITE 3

**universal** ▶ EVERYONE 4

**university** ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 5

**unjust** ▶ UNFAIR 1

**unjustifiable** ▶ WRONG 5

**unjustified** ▶ WRONG 5

**unkempt** ▶ UNTIDY 2

**unkind** ▶ UNKIND 1, 2

**unknown** ▶ FAMOUS 6; KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 20, 21; NAME 9  
*an unknown quantity* ▶ KNOW/NOT  
KNOW 21  
*the unknown* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 20

**unlawful** ▶ ILLEGAL 1

**unless** ▶ IF 4, 5

**unlike**  
*not be like/be unlike* ▶ TYPICAL 4

**unlikely** ▶ BELIEVE 6; PROBABLY 8

**unlimited** ▶ LIMIT 6

**unlit** ▶ DARK 1

**unlock** ▶ OPEN 1

**unloved** ▶ LOVE 8

**unlucky** ▶ UNLUCKY 1, 2, 3, 4

**unmarried** ▶ MARRY 12

**unmistakable** ▶ OBVIOUS 2;  
RECOGNIZE 2

**unmoved** ▶ FEEL 13

**unnamed** ▶ NAME 9

**unnatural** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 7

**unnecessary/not necessary**  
▶ MUST/DON'T HAVE TO 5; NEED/  
NECESSARY 9

**unnerve** ▶ NERVOUS 6

**unnoticed** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 2

**unobtainable** ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT  
AVAILABLE 5

**unobtrusive** ▶ OBVIOUS 4

**unoccupied** ▶ EMPTY 2

**unofficial** ▶ OFFICIAL 3

**unorthodox** ▶ CONVENTIONAL/  
UNCONVENTIONAL 2



**unpaid** ▶ EARN 11; OWE 5; PAY 16  
**unplanned** ▶ PLAN 10  
**unpleasant** ▶ HORRIBLE 1, 2, 3  
*be unpleasant* ▶ RUDE 1  
**unplug** ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 2  
**unpopular** ▶ POPULAR 5  
**unprecedented** ▶ FIRST 1; UNUSUAL 3  
**unpredictable** ▶ PREDICT 5  
**unprepared** ▶ READY/NOT READY 4  
**unpretentious** ▶ MODEST 1  
**unprintable** ▶ RUDE 6  
**unproductive** ▶ FAIL 2  
**unprofitable** ▶ PROFIT 4  
**unprovoked** ▶ WRONG 5  
**unpunished**  
*go unpunished* ▶ PUNISH 7  
**unputdownable** ▶ READ 13  
**unquestionably**  
*undoubtedly/unquestionably/without doubt/without a doubt*  
 ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 1  
**unravel** ▶ SOLVE 5  
**unreadable** ▶ READ 12, 14  
**unrealistic** ▶ REAL 8  
**unreasonable** ▶ UNFAIR 1; WRONG 5  
**unrecognizable** ▶ RECOGNIZE 3  
**unrelated/unconnected**  
 ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 6  
**unrelenting** ▶ CONTINUE 7  
**unreliable** ▶ TRUST/NOT TRUST 6  
**unremarkable** ▶ NORMAL/ORDINARY 2  
**unrepentant** ▶ ASHAMED 4  
**unresolved** ▶ SOLVE 4  
**unrest** ▶ VIOLENT 6  
**unrestricted** ▶ FREE 4  
**unripe** ▶ READY/NOT READY 5  
**unroll** ▶ OPEN 5  
**unsatisfactory** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 4  
**unscathed** ▶ HURT/INJURE 7  
**unscrew** ▶ OPEN 4  
**unscrupulous** ▶ DISHONEST 1  
**unseen** ▶ NOTICE/NOT NOTICE 2  
**unselfish** ▶ SELFISH/NOT SELFISH 3  
**unsettle** ▶ NERVOUS 6  
**unsettled** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 3; WEATHER 6  
**unsettling** ▶ NERVOUS 5  
**unsightly** ▶ UGLY 1, 3  
**unsolved** ▶ SOLVE 7  
**unsophisticated** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 6; SIMPLE 1, 2  
**unspoiled** ▶ NATURAL 1  
**unspoiled/unspoilt** ▶ SPOIL 7  
**unstable** ▶ BALANCE 5; CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 3; MENTALLY ILL 1  
**unsteady** ▶ BALANCE 5  
**unstoppable** ▶ STOP 23  
**unsuccessful** ▶ FAIL 2  
**unsuitable/not suitable**  
 ▶ UNSUITABLE 1, 2  
**unsuited to sth/not suited to sth**  
 ▶ UNSUITABLE 1  
**unsure**  
*make sb unsure/uncertain* ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 5  
**unsure of yourself** ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 5  
**unsure/uncertain** ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 3

**unsurpassed** ▶ BEST 1  
**unsympathetic** ▶ UNKIND 4  
**untamed** ▶ NATURAL 1  
**untapped** ▶ USE 19  
**unthinkable** ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 2  
**untidy** ▶ UNTIDY 2  
**untie** ▶ FASTEN/UNFASTEN 2; TIE/UNTIE 4  
**until** ▶ TIME 7; UNTIL 1  
*from ... until* ▶ TIME 7  
*from...until/from...to* ▶ UNTIL 1  
*to/until your dying day* ▶ ALWAYS 4  
*up to now/until now* ▶ NOW 3  
*up to the present day/until the present day* ▶ NOW 3  
*up until/up to* ▶ UNTIL 1  
**untimely** ▶ EARLY 2  
**untimely death** ▶ DIE 3  
**untouched** ▶ USE 19  
**untrained** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 3  
**untrue** ▶ UNTRUE 1  
**unturned**  
*leave no stone unturned* ▶ LOOK FOR 2  
**untypical** ▶ TYPICAL 4  
**unused** ▶ USE 14, 19  
**unused to**  
*unaccustomed/unused to* ▶ USED TO/ACCUSTOMED TO 6  
**unusual** ▶ INTERESTING 4; UNUSUAL 1, 2  
**unveil** ▶ SHOW 4  
**unwanted** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 10  
**unwarranted** ▶ WRONG 5  
**unwelcome** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 10  
**unwelcoming** ▶ UNFRIENDLY 4  
**unwell** ▶ ILL/SICK 1  
**unwilling**  
*be unwilling to do sth* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 9  
**unwilling/not willing** ▶ WILLING 3  
**unwillingly** ▶ WILLING 4  
**unwind** ▶ RELAX/RELAXED 1  
**unwise** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 1  
**unwrap** ▶ OPEN 5  
**unwritten law** ▶ RULE/REGULATION 2  
**unzip** ▶ FASTEN/UNFASTEN 2  
**up** ▶ ABOVE 1; UP 1, 2  
*be on the up and up* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 8  
*be up* ▶ FINISH 8  
*be up and about (again)*  
 ▶ RECOVER 3  
*be up and running* ▶ WORKING 1  
*be up for sale* ▶ SELL 9  
*be up in arms* ▶ ANGRY 4  
*be up in the air* ▶ UNCERTAIN 1  
*be up to your ears/neck in* ▶ BUSY/NOT BUSY 1  
*be up/be had up/end up in court*  
 ▶ ACCUSE 4  
*what's up* ▶ PROBLEM 14  
**up against**  
*be up against* ▶ PROBLEM 6  
**up ahead** ▶ FRONT 5  
**up close** ▶ NEAR 7  
**up front** ▶ FRONT 4  
**up in/into the air** ▶ HIGH 1  
**up on**  
*be well up on* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 5

**up to**  
*be up to* ▶ DO/NOT DO 4  
*be up to no good* ▶ BEHAVE 3  
*what is sb up to?* ▶ DO/NOT DO 5  
**up to date**  
*bring sth up to date* ▶ MODERN 4  
*keep abreast of/keep up to date with*  
 ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 5  
**up to now/until now** ▶ NOW 3  
**up until/up to** ▶ UNTIL 1  
**up-and-coming** ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 8  
**up-to-date** ▶ MODERN 1; RECENTLY 4  
**up-to-the-minute** ▶ RECENTLY 4  
**upbeat** ▶ EXPECT 5  
**upcoming** ▶ SOON 3  
**update** ▶ MODERN 4  
*give sb an update on* ▶ TELL 3  
**update/news update** ▶ NEWS 2  
**upgrade** ▶ IMPROVE 2; JOB 8  
**upheaval** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 16  
**uphill** ▶ UP 1  
**uphold** ▶ ACCEPT 6  
**upkeep** ▶ LOOK AFTER 7  
**upload** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 9  
**upmarket** ▶ EXPENSIVE 3  
**upon**  
*on/upon receipt of* ▶ GET 4  
**upper** ▶ HIGH 1; TOP 3  
*have the upper hand* ▶ ADVANTAGE 5  
**upper limit** ▶ LIMIT 1  
**upper-class** ▶ CLASS 5  
**uppermost**  
*topmost/uppermost* ▶ TOP 3  
**upright** ▶ GOOD 8; STRAIGHT 3; VERTICAL 1  
**uprising** ▶ REBELLION/REVOLUTION 1  
**uproar** ▶ ANGRY 5  
**upset** ▶ DISTURB 2; FALL 7; SAD 1, 5; UPSET 1, 2  
*get upset* ▶ UPSET 3  
**upsetting** ▶ SAD 4; UPSET 4  
**upshot** ▶ RESULT 2  
**upside down** ▶ WRONG 4  
*turn somewhere inside out/upside down* ▶ LOOK FOR 5  
**upstairs** ▶ ABOVE 1; UP 1  
**uptake**  
*be quick on the uptake*  
 ▶ INTELLIGENT 3  
**uptight** ▶ ANGRY 11; NERVOUS 3  
**upturn** ▶ INCREASE 10  
**upwardly mobile** ▶ CLASS 8  
**upwards** ▶ UP 1, 2  
**upwards of** ▶ MORE 2  
**urban** ▶ TOWN 6  
**urban sprawl** ▶ TOWN 3  
**urge** ▶ ADVISE 1; WANT/NOT WANT 7  
**urgent** ▶ IMPORTANT 3  
**usable** ▶ USE 9  
**use** ▶ DRUG 3; PURPOSE 2; USE 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 16, 20  
*be (of) no use* ▶ USELESS 1  
*be in use* ▶ USE 8  
*be of use* ▶ USEFUL 1  
*give sb the use/loan of* ▶ LEND 1  
*have no use for* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 8; USELESS 1  
*have the use of* ▶ BORROW 1  
*it's/there's no use* ▶ USELESS 4



*let sb use/let sb have* ▶ LEND 1  
*make use of* ▶ USE 1, 2, 3, 5  
*put sth to use* ▶ USE 2

**use force** ▶ FORCE SB TO DO STH 2

**use up** ▶ FINISH 12; USE 16

**used** ▶ OLD 9

*be used* ▶ USE 6

**used to** ▶ PAST 3

*be used to* ▶ USED TO/ACCUSTOMED TO 1, 5

*get used to* ▶ USED TO/ACCUSTOMED TO 3

*not be used to sth* ▶ USED TO/ACCUSTOMED TO 6

**useful** ▶ USEFUL 1

**usefulness** ▶ USEFUL 4

**useless** ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 4; HELP 8; USELESS 1, 3

**user** ▶ USE 4, 18

*drug user* ▶ ADDICTED 2

**user-friendly** ▶ EASY 1

**user/computer user** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 3

**username** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 5

**uses**

*have its uses* ▶ USEFUL 3

**usher** ▶ TAKE 6, 7

**usual** ▶ USUALLY 3

*as per usual* ▶ USUALLY 2

*as usual* ▶ USUALLY 2

**usually**

*you don't usually/often*

▶ UNUSUAL 1

**usually/generally** ▶ USUALLY 1

**utensil** ▶ TOOL 1

**utilities** ▶ PUBLIC SERVICES 1

**utility** ▶ USEFUL 4

**utilize** ▶ USE 2

**utmost**

*do your utmost* ▶ TRY 3

**utopian** ▶ PERFECT 7

**utter**

*complete/total/absolute/utter*

▶ COMPLETELY 1

**utterly** ▶ COMPLETELY 1

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**vacancy** ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 2; JOB 6

**vacant** ▶ AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILABLE 1, 2; EMPTY 2

**vacant lot** ▶ AREA 6

**vacate** ▶ LEAVE 14

**vacation** ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 1

**vacillate** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 26

**vacuum** ▶ CLEAN 7

**vagrant** ▶ HOME 9; TRAVEL 12

**vague** ▶ CLEAR/NOT CLEAR 3;

DETAIL 6; EXACT/NOT EXACT 7

*have a hazy/vague recollection*

▶ REMEMBER 3

**vaguely remember**

▶ REMEMBER 3

**vain** ▶ FAIL 2; PROUD 2

*in vain* ▶ FAIL 1

**valid** ▶ TRUE 1; USE 9

**validate** ▶ PROVE 1

**valuable** ▶ USEFUL 1; VALUE 2

**valuables** ▶ VALUE 3

**value** ▶ VALUE 1, 4

*be good value* ▶ CHEAP 3

*double/triple in value* ▶ VALUE 5

*fall/decrease/go down in value*

▶ VALUE 6

*increase/rise/go up in value*

▶ VALUE 5

*of great value* ▶ VALUE 2

*take/accept sth at face value*

▶ BELIEVE 1

**value for money** ▶ CHEAP 3

**valued** ▶ IMPORTANT 4

*be valued at* ▶ VALUE 1

**values** ▶ GOOD 12

**vandalize** ▶ DAMAGE 2

**vanish** ▶ DISAPPEAR 1, 2, 4

*disappear/vanish without trace*

▶ DISAPPEAR 1

**vanity** ▶ PROUD 6

**variable** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 3

**variant** ▶ DIFFERENT 5

**variation** ▶ DIFFERENT 5

**varied** ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT

KINDS 3

**variety** ▶ TYPE 1, 2; VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 3

*a variety of sth* ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 1

*add variety* ▶ INTERESTING 6

*add variety to* ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 7

**various** ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 1

**vary** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 2, 13; DIFFERENT 1; VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 7

**varying** ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 1

**vast** ▶ BIG 3, 6

**vault** ▶ JUMP 2

**veejay**

*VJ/veejay* ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 8

**veer** ▶ TURN 8

**vehicle** ▶ WAY 3

**veiled** ▶ HIDE 9

*be shrouded/veiled in mystery*

▶ MYSTERIOUS 1

*be veiled in secrecy/shrouded in*

*secrecy/cloaked in secrecy*

▶ SECRET 1

**velocity** ▶ SPEED 1

**velvety** ▶ SOFT 2

**vendetta** ▶ REVENGE 2

**vendor** ▶ SELL 4

**vengeance** ▶ REVENGE 2

**ventilated** ▶ AIR 3

**venture** ▶ BUSINESS 1

**venue** ▶ PLACE 1

**verbal** ▶ SPEAK 6

**verbatim** ▶ EXACT/NOT EXACT 2

**verdict** ▶ COURT/TRIAL 2; DECIDE 3

**verge**

*be close to tears/be on the verge of tears,* ▶ CRY 3

*be on the verge/brink of* ▶ ALMOST 4

**verify** ▶ CHECK 1

**versa**

*vice versa* ▶ OPPOSITE 2

**versatile** ▶ GOOD AT 6; USE 10

**versed**

*be well versed in* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 3

**version** ▶ TRANSLATE 2

**versus** ▶ PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 2

**vertical** ▶ VERTICAL 1

**vertigo** ▶ HIGH 6

**very** ▶ VERY 1

*not too/very many* ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 5

*not too/very much* ▶ TOO/TOO MUCH 5

*not very* ▶ LITTLE 9; NOT 1

*not very good* ▶ BAD 3; BAD AT DOING STH 1

*not very nice* ▶ HORRIBLE 1, 2, 3

*the very (same)/the self-same* ▶ SAME 1

*very, very* ▶ VERY 2

**very likely/more than likely**

▶ PROBABLY 2

**very little** ▶ LITTLE 2, 3, 4, 7

**very much** ▶ LOT 14

**very probably** ▶ PROBABLY 2

**very, very** ▶ VERY 2

**vested interest** ▶ REASON 7

**vet** ▶ DOCTOR 4

**veteran** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT EXPERIENCED 1

**veto** ▶ REJECT 2; VOTE 1

**viable** ▶ POSSIBLE 1

**vibrant** ▶ COLOUR 3

**vibrate** ▶ SHAKE 1

**vicarious** ▶ PERSONALLY/YOURSELF 4

**vice president** ▶ MANAGER 2

**vice versa** ▶ OPPOSITE 2

**vicinity**

*in the vicinity* ▶ NEAR 1

**vicious** ▶ UNKIND 2; VIOLENT 1, 3

**vicious circle** ▶ PROBLEM 4

**victim** ▶ ATTACK 8; SUFFER 4

*fashion victim* ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT FASHIONABLE 5

**victimize** ▶ CRUEL 5

**victor** ▶ WIN 7

**victorious** ▶ WIN 7

**victory** ▶ WIN 6

*sweep to victory* ▶ WIN 4

**vie** ▶ COMPETE WITH 2

**view** ▶ LOOK 1; OPINION 1; SEE 4

*come into view/come into sight*

▶ APPEAR 1; SEE 5

*in full view of* ▶ SEE 3

*in view* ▶ SEE 5

*majority view* ▶ OPINION 4

*point of view* ▶ OPINION 2

*share the view that* ▶ AGREE 1

*take a dim view of* ▶ DISAPPROVE 1

*take the view that/be of the opinion that* ▶ THINK 8

*with a view to doing sth* ▶ IN ORDER TO 1

*world view* ▶ THINK 9

**viewer** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 9; WATCH 6

**viewpoint** ▶ OPINION 2

**views**

*air your views* ▶ SAY 4

**vigilant** ▶ CAREFUL 1; WATCH 7

**vigorous** ▶ ENERGETIC 3

**vigour** ▶ ENERGETIC 4

**village** ▶ TOWN 1, 6

**villain** ▶ BAD 6

**vindictive** ▶ CRUEL 3

**vintage** ▶ OLD 10

**violate** ▶ DISOBEY 2

**violation** ▶ ILLEGAL 2



**violence** ▶ VIOLENT 5

**violent** ▶ VIOLENT 1, 4

**VIP** ▶ IMPORTANT 4

**virgin** ▶ NATURAL 1; SEX 13

**virginity**  
*lose your virginity* ▶ SEX 4

**virile** ▶ MAN 3

**virtually**  
*practically/virtually*  
 ▶ ALMOST 2, 3, 4

**virtuous** ▶ GOOD 8

**virus** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
 EMAIL 7; FAULT 1; ILLNESS/DISEASE 1

**visibility** ▶ SEE 5

**visible** ▶ SEE 5  
*become visible* ▶ APPEAR 1

**vision** ▶ IMAGINE 4; SEE 7, 13

**visit** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/  
 EMAIL 9; STAY 5, 9; TALK 1; TRAVEL 6;  
 VISIT 1, 3, 4, 7  
*flying visit* ▶ VISIT 7  
*pay a visit* ▶ VISIT 1, 3

**visitor** ▶ VISIT 6

**visitors**  
*have company/visitors/guests*  
 ▶ VISIT 6

**visual** ▶ SEE 4

**visualize** ▶ IMAGINE 1

**visually impaired** ▶ SEE 12

**vital** ▶ IMPORTANT 2; NEED/  
 NECESSARY 3

**vitality** ▶ ENERGETIC 4

**vivacious** ▶ ENERGETIC 2

**vivid** ▶ COLOUR 1; REAL 7

**vividly**  
*remember sth well/vividly*  
 ▶ REMEMBER 4

**vivisection** ▶ TEST 11

**VJ/veejay** ▶ TELEVISION/RADIO 8

**vocabulary** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/  
 SENTENCE 4

**vocal** ▶ SING 4

**vocalist** ▶ SING 3

**vocals**  
*on vocals* ▶ SING 1

**vocation** ▶ JOB 1

**vocational** ▶ JOB 3

**vogue** ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
 FASHIONABLE 6  
*be in vogue* ▶ FASHIONABLE/NOT  
 FASHIONABLE 2

**voice** ▶ VOICE 1  
*at the top of your voice* ▶ LOUD 2  
*lose your voice* ▶ SPEAK 8  
*lower your voice* ▶ QUIET 5  
*raise your voice* ▶ SHOUT 1

**voice/express/show etc your  
 disapproval** ▶ DISAPPROVE 2

**voicemail** ▶ TELEPHONE 9

**void**  
*null and void* ▶ USE 15

**volatile** ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 3

**volley** ▶ SHOOT 5

**volume** ▶ AMOUNT 1; LOUD 6; SIZE 2  
*at full blast/at full volume* ▶ LOUD 2

**voluntarily** ▶ WILLING 2

**voluntary** ▶ EARN 11; MUST/DON'T  
 HAVE TO 5; PAY 16; WILLING 2

**volunteer** ▶ OFFER 2

**voluptuous** ▶ SEXY 1

**vomit** ▶ SICK/VOMIT 1

**vomiting** ▶ SICK/VOMIT 3

**voodoo** ▶ MAGIC 1

**voracious/avid reader** ▶ READ 7

**vote** ▶ VOTE 1  
*cast a vote* ▶ VOTE 1  
*have/take a vote* ▶ VOTE 1, 5  
*put sth to the/a vote* ▶ VOTE 1  
*the vote* ▶ VOTE 5, 6

**vote against/vote no** ▶ REJECT 2

**vote in/into** ▶ VOTE 2

**voter** ▶ VOTE 4

**vow** ▶ PROMISE 1

**voyage** ▶ TRAVEL 9

**vs.** ▶ PLAY A GAME OR SPORT 2

**vulgar** ▶ SEX 19; TASTE IN  
 CLOTHES, MUSIC ETC 6

**vulnerable** ▶ ATTACK 9; WEAK 3

**culture**  
*culture vulture* ▶ ART/CULTURE 6

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**wad** ▶ GROUP 11

**wade** ▶ WALK 12

**wade through** ▶ READ 5

**waffle** ▶ TALK 8

**wag** ▶ SHAKE 4

**wage** ▶ EARN 8

**wage war** ▶ WAR 2

**wage war on** ▶ FIGHT 7

**wage-earner** ▶ EARN 10

**wagging**  
*tongues are wagging* ▶ TALK 6

**waggle** ▶ SHAKE 4

**wagon**  
*be on the wagon* ▶ DRINK 10

**wait** ▶ WAIT 1, 2, 3  
*can't wait* ▶ EXCITED/EXCITING 1;  
 WAIT 6; WANT/NOT WANT 2  
*lie in wait* ▶ HIDE 2  
*make sb wait* ▶ WAIT 4  
*stand/wait in line* ▶ WAIT 5  
*stand/wait/be in line* ▶ LINE 11

**wait and see** ▶ WAIT 2

**wait up** ▶ SLEEP 11; WAIT 2

**wait your turn** ▶ WAIT 1

**waiting**  
*keep sb waiting* ▶ WAIT 4

**waive** ▶ LET/ALLOW 7

**wake**  
*in the wake of sth* ▶ AFTER 5

**wake up to the fact that**  
 ▶ REALIZE 1

**wake/wake up** ▶ WAKE UP/GET  
 UP 1, 2

**walk** ▶ WALK 1, 11, 15, 17  
*go for a walk/take a walk* ▶ WALK 11

**walk all over** ▶ CONTROL/NOT  
 CONTROL 3

**walk around** ▶ WALK 10

**walk away from** ▶ HURT/INJURE 7

**walk off with**  
*go off with/walk off with* ▶ STEAL 1

**walk out** ▶ LEAVE 9, 27; STRIKE 1

**walk the dog** ▶ WALK 11

**walker/hiker** ▶ WALK 18

**walking**  
*within walking/driving etc distance*  
 ▶ NEAR 3

**walkover** ▶ WIN 6

**walks**  
*from/in all walks of life* ▶ VARIOUS/  
 OF DIFFERENT KINDS 2

**wall**  
*drive sb up the wall* ▶ CRAZY 5  
*go to the wall* ▶ FAIL 8  
*it's like talking to a brick wall*  
 ▶ USELESS 5

**wallow in** ▶ ENJOY 2; SAD 6

**wally** ▶ STUPID/SILLY 4

**wander** ▶ WALK 10

**wanderlust** ▶ TRAVEL 14

**wanders**  
*your mind wanders* ▶ ATTENTION 4

**wane** ▶ LESS 6

**wangle** ▶ GET 3

**want** ▶ SEX 11; WANT/NOT WANT 1, 5  
*not have/want anything to do with*  
 ▶ REJECT 7  
*not want* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 9  
*not want to know* ▶ IGNORE 1  
*through lack of sth/for lack of sth/for  
 want of sth* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 7

**want £20/\$40 etc for** ▶ COST 4

**want no part in** ▶ TAKE PART/BE  
 INVOLVED 11

**want nothing to do with** ▶ TAKE  
 PART/BE INVOLVED 11

**want to know** ▶ ASK 1

**wanted** ▶ CRIME 3

**war** ▶ WAR 1  
*be at war* ▶ WAR 2  
*declare war* ▶ WAR 3  
*go to war* ▶ WAR 3  
*in the war* ▶ WAR 4  
*make war* ▶ WAR 2  
*prisoner of war/POW* ▶ PRISON 7  
*wage war* ▶ WAR 2  
*wage war on* ▶ FIGHT 7

**war film/war movie** ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2

**war zone** ▶ WAR 5

**war-torn** ▶ WAR 5

**ward** ▶ HOSPITAL 3

**wardrobe** ▶ CLOTHES 1

**warfare** ▶ WAR 1

**warm** ▶ FRIENDLY 1; HOT 4, 5, 6;  
 WEATHER 7  
*get hot/warm/hotter/warmer*  
 ▶ HOT 7  
*heat/warm up* ▶ HOT 8  
*you're getting warm* ▶ GUESS 3

**warm to** ▶ LIKE 8

**warm up** ▶ EXERCISE 1; HOT 7, 9

**warm yourself** ▶ HOT 9

**warm/warm up** ▶ HOT 8

**warmed**  
*look like death warmed up* ▶ ILL/  
 SICK 1

**warmer**  
*get hot/warm/hotter/warmer*  
 ▶ HOT 7

**warmonger** ▶ WAR 7

**warn** ▶ WARN 1, 3

**warn off** ▶ WARN 1

**warn sb off** ▶ THREATEN 1

**warning** ▶ WARN 3, 4  
*be a warning* ▶ WARN 3  
*give sb a warning* ▶ WARN 1  
*without warning* ▶ SUDDENLY 1

**warp** ▶ BEND 3

**warpath**  
*be on the warpath* ▶ ANGRY 2

**warped** ▶ BEND 6; STRANGE 2

**warrant** ▶ LET/ALLOW 9; REASON 5

**warring** ▶ WAR 2

**wartime** ▶ WAR 4



**wary** ▶ CAREFUL 1

**wash** ▶ WASH 1, 3, 4

*be in the wash* ▶ WASH 4

*hand wash/handwash* ▶ WASH 4

*have a wash* ▶ WASH 1

**wash down** ▶ WASH 3

**wash out** ▶ REMOVE 4; WASH 3

**wash the dishes/do the dishes**

▶ WASH 5

**wash up**

*do the washing up/wash up*

▶ WASH 5

**washable** ▶ WASH 4

**washed-out** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 4

**washing**

*do the washing* ▶ WASH 4

**washing up**

*do the washing up/wash up*

▶ WASH 5

**washroom**

*restroom/washroom* ▶ TOILET 1

**waste** ▶ RUBBISH/GARBAGE 1;

SPEND MONEY/TIME 13; WASTE 1

*be a waste of sth* ▶ WASTE 2

*be a waste of time* ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 4; FAIL 4; USELESS 4

*be wasting your breath* ▶ USELESS 5

*go to waste* ▶ WASTE 1

**waste away** ▶ THIN 7

**waste paper** ▶ RUBBISH/GARBAGE 1

**wasted** ▶ WASTE 1

*bombed/loaded/wasted* ▶ DRUNK 3

**wasteful** ▶ WASTE 2

**wasteland** ▶ EMPTY 3

**watch** ▶ WATCH 1, 3, 4, 5

*keep a watch on* ▶ WATCH 5

*look out/watch out* ▶ CAREFUL 3; WARN 2

*look/watch out for* ▶ WATCH 7

**watch it/watch out** ▶ WARN 2

**watch it/watch what you're doing**

▶ CAREFUL 3

**watchful** ▶ WATCH 7

**water** ▶ WATER 1, 4

*be dead in the water* ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 4; FAIL 2

*come hell or high water*

▶ DETERMINED 4

*keep your head above water* ▶ OWE 8; SURVIVE 4

*make your mouth water*

▶ DELICIOUS 3

*not hold water* ▶ LOGICAL 4

*pour cold water on* ▶ SPOIL 2

*underwater/under water* ▶ UNDER/BELOW 3

*your eyes water* ▶ CRY 1

**water down** ▶ WATER 5

**waterlogged** ▶ WET 1

**waterproof** ▶ WATER 7

**watertight** ▶ WATER 7

**waterworks**

*turn on the waterworks* ▶ CRY 2

**watery** ▶ LIQUID 3

**wave** ▶ LOT 5; SIGN 4

**wave goodbye** ▶ GOODBYE 3

**wave of** ▶ LOT 6

**wave sb off** ▶ GOODBYE 3

**wavelength**

*be on a different wavelength*

▶ DIFFERENT 4

*be on the same wavelength*

▶ SAME 11

**waver** ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 4

**waves**

*in waves* ▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 2

**wavy** ▶ BEND 6

**way** ▶ DIRECTION 1; WAY 1, 7, 9

*a fair way/quite a way/a good way*

▶ FAR 1

*a long way* ▶ FAR 1

*a long way off/far off/far away*

▶ FAR 2

*a long/short way* ▶ DISTANCE 1

*as I see it/the way I see it* ▶ THINK 10

*as things stand/the way things stand*

▶ SITUATION 3

*ask sb how to get to/ask sb the way/*

*ask the way* ▶ DIRECTION 2

*be in a bad way* ▶ ILL/SICK 1

*be in the way* ▶ STOP 30

*be on the way out* ▶ OLD-FASHIONED 1

*be on the way to* ▶ TRAVEL 13

*be on the way up* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 8

*by the way/incidentally* ▶ AND/ALSO 2

*by way of illustration* ▶ EXAMPLE 3

*can you tell me the way to/do you know*

*the way to* ▶ DIRECTION 2

*from the way* ▶ SEEM 3

*get in the way of* ▶ STOP 24

*get out of the way* ▶ AVOID 5

*give way* ▶ BREAK 2

*give way to* ▶ FEEL 6; REPLACE 5

*go out of your way to do sth* ▶ TRY 6

*in a ... way/manner* ▶ WAY 8

*in no way* ▶ NOT 2

*is this the way to* ▶ DIRECTION 2

*lose your way* ▶ LOST 2

*make way* ▶ SPACE 2

*no way* ▶ NO 1; REFUSE 2

*not stand in sb's way* ▶ LET/ALLOW 5

*out of the way* ▶ FAR 3

*show the way/lead the way* ▶ FIRST 5

*sth could go either way* ▶ UNCERTAIN 3

*take sth the wrong way* ▶ OFFEND 2;

UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 9

*tell sb how to get to/tell sb the way*

▶ DIRECTION 3

*the easy way* ▶ EASY 5

*the other way* ▶ OPPOSITE 5

*the other way around* ▶ OPPOSITE 2

*the right way round* ▶ ORDER 2;

RIGHT 3

*the right way up* ▶ RIGHT 3

*the way things are* ▶ SITUATION 3

*the wrong way around* ▶ WRONG 4

*the wrong way round* ▶ ORDER 3

*there's no way* ▶ IMPOSSIBLE 1, 2

*to put it another way* ▶ EXPLAIN 2

*which way* ▶ DIRECTION 2

**way in** ▶ ENTER 10

**way of life** ▶ LIFE 2

**way of thinking** ▶ THINK 9

**way off** ▶ FAR 2

**way out** ▶ FAR 3; SOLVE 2

**way to go** ▶ PRAISE 6

**ways** ▶ HABIT 1

*be set in your ways* ▶ CHANGE/NOT CHANGE 30

*go their separate ways* ▶ SEPARATE 7

*mend your ways* ▶ BEHAVE 4

**ways and means** ▶ WAY 5

**WC** ▶ TOILET 1

**weak** ▶ BRIGHT 4; POWER/POWERFUL 6; WEAK 1, 2

**weak/poor** ▶ BAD AT DOING STH 1

**weaken** ▶ WEAK 4, 5

**weakling** ▶ WEAK 1

**weakness**

*flaw/weakness* ▶ FAULT 1, 2

*have a weakness for* ▶ LIKE 3

**wealthy** ▶ RICH 1

*the wealthy* ▶ RICH 4

**weapon** ▶ WEAPON 1

**weaponry** ▶ WEAPON 1

**wear** ▶ CLOTHES 1, 6; DAMAGE 4

*something/anything/nothing to wear*

▶ CLOTHES 1

**wear and tear** ▶ DAMAGE 4

**wear away** ▶ DAMAGE 3

**wear off** ▶ DISAPPEAR 3; STOP 15

*the novelty wears off* ▶ BORING/

BORED 8

**wear out** ▶ DAMAGE 4

*tire/wear out* ▶ TIRED/TIRING 6

**wear the trousers** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 1

**wear yourself out**

*tire yourself out/wear yourself out/*

*exhaust yourself* ▶ TIRED/TIRING 5

**wearing** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 7

**wearing thin**

*be wearing thin* ▶ USE 13

**weary** ▶ TIRED/TIRING 1

**weather** ▶ WEATHER 1

*bad weather* ▶ WEATHER 5

*good weather* ▶ WEATHER 4

*the weather* ▶ WEATHER 3

*under the weather* ▶ ILL/SICK 2

**weather forecast** ▶ WEATHER 3

**weather report** ▶ WEATHER 3

**weathers**

*in all weathers* ▶ WEATHER 14

**weave** ▶ TURN 9

**Web**

*surf the Internet/Net/Web*

▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 9

**web page** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 8

**web site** ▶ COMPUTERS/INTERNET/EMAIL 8

**wedding** ▶ MARRY 7

**wedge**

*drive a wedge between sb*

▶ RELATIONSHIP 3

**weed** ▶ WEAK 1

**weed out** ▶ GET RID OF 3

**weedy** ▶ WEAK 1

**weekly**

*hourly/daily/weekly/monthly etc*

▶ REGULAR/REGULARLY 1

**weep** ▶ CRY 1

**weigh** ▶ HEAVY 2; MEASURE 1, 4; WEIGH 1, 2

**weigh a ton** ▶ HEAVY 1

**weigh in at** ▶ WEIGH 1

**weigh/weigh up** ▶ THINK 4

**weighed down**

*be weighed down with/by* ▶ CARRY 2

**weight** ▶ HEAVY 1, 2; WEIGH 1

*be a weight off sb's mind*

▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 9

*gain weight* ▶ FAT 6

*lose weight* ▶ THIN 7

*not pull your weight* ▶ WORK HARD 8

*put on weight* ▶ FAT 6

*take sb's/sth's weight* ▶ SUPPORT 7

*throw your weight around* ▶ TELL 23

*throw your weight behind*

▶ SUPPORT 3

*under the weight of* ▶ CARRY 2



**weightless** ▶ LIGHT 4  
**weird** ▶ STRANGE 1, 2  
**weirdo** ▶ STRANGE 3  
**welcome** ▶ ACCEPT 3; HELLO 4  
*outstay your welcome/overstay your welcome* ▶ STAY 4  
*you are welcome to sth/you can keep sth* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 9  
*you're welcome* ▶ THANK 5  
**welcoming** ▶ FRIENDLY 1, 4  
**welfare** ▶ MONEY 7  
**well** ▶ GOOD 2; HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 1  
*be not (very) well* ▶ ILL/SICK 1  
*be well* ▶ RECOVER 3  
*be well thought of* ▶ REPUTATION 2  
*do (sth) well* ▶ DO/NOT DO 11  
*do well* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 6, 7  
*get well* ▶ RECOVER 1  
*go down well* ▶ LIKE 1  
*go well* ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 3  
*if all goes well* ▶ HOPE 2  
*mean well* ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 6  
*not feel (very) well* ▶ ILL/SICK 5  
*well-known/well known* ▶ FAMOUS 1  
**well advised to**  
*you'd be well advised to do sth/you would do well to do sth* ▶ ADVISE 2  
**well done** ▶ PRAISE 6  
**well known** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 9  
*become famous/well known* ▶ FAMOUS 3  
**well off** ▶ RICH 1  
**well off for**  
*be well off for* ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 3  
**well turned out** ▶ WELL-DRESSED 1  
**well up on**  
*be well up on* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 5  
**well versed in**  
*be well versed in* ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 3  
**well-behaved** ▶ BEHAVE 2; POLITE 5  
**well-brought up** ▶ POLITE 5  
**well-built** ▶ BIG 4; STRONG 1  
**well-connected** ▶ FRIEND 7  
**well-deserved/well-earned** ▶ DESERVE 1  
**well-dressed** ▶ WELL-DRESSED 1  
**well-earned**  
*well-deserved/well-earned* ▶ DESERVE 1  
**well-groomed** ▶ WELL-DRESSED 1  
**well-informed** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 5  
**well-intentioned**  
*well-meant/well-intentioned* ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 6  
**well-kept** ▶ TIDY 1  
**well-known/well known** ▶ FAMOUS 1  
**well-liked** ▶ POPULAR 1  
**well-lit** ▶ BRIGHT 3  
**well-mannered** ▶ POLITE 1  
**well-matched**  
*be well-matched* ▶ SUITABLE 3  
**well-meaning** ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 6  
**well-meant/well-intentioned** ▶ INTEND/NOT INTEND 6  
**well-oiled machine** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 1  
**well-ordered** ▶ ORGANIZE 2

**well-organized** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 1, 3; ORGANIZE 2  
**well-paid**  
*highly-paid/well-paid* ▶ EARN 4  
**well-paid/highly paid** ▶ EARN 5  
**well-read** ▶ READ 7  
**well-run** ▶ EFFICIENT/NOT EFFICIENT 1; ORGANIZE 2  
**well-thought-out** ▶ LOGICAL 1  
**well-timed** ▶ TIME 14  
**well-to-do** ▶ RICH 1  
**well-travelled** ▶ TRAVEL 11  
**well-written** ▶ READ 13  
**wellbeing** ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 5  
**wellness** ▶ HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 5  
**western** ▶ FILM/MOVIE 2  
**wet** ▶ WET 1, 4  
*get sth wet* ▶ WET 4  
*soaking/sopping/dripping wet* ▶ WET 1  
*the wet* ▶ WEATHER 9  
**wet blanket** ▶ SPOIL 6  
**wet/rainy** ▶ WEATHER 9  
**whack** ▶ HIT 1, 8  
**whale**  
*have the time of your life/have a whale of a time* ▶ ENJOY 1  
**what**  
*what?/what did you say?* ▶ REPEAT 6  
*who cares?/so what?/what do I care?* ▶ DON'T CARE 1  
**what about**  
*how about/what about* ▶ SUGGEST 5  
**what if ...?** ▶ IF 2  
**what is sb doing?** ▶ DO/NOT DO 5  
**what is sb playing at?** ▶ DO/NOT DO 5  
**what is sb up to?** ▶ DO/NOT DO 5  
**what kept you?** ▶ LATE 2  
**what makes sb tick** ▶ CHARACTER 1  
**what sb does** ▶ JOB 1  
**what sb says, goes** ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 1  
**what sb/sth is like** ▶ DESCRIBE 1  
**what time do you call this?** ▶ LATE 2  
**what time do you make it?** ▶ TIME 1  
**what time is it?** ▶ TIME 1  
**what you think of/about sth** ▶ OPINION 1  
**what's**  
*there's no point/what's the point* ▶ FAIL 4; USELESS 4  
**what's going on** ▶ SITUATION 1  
**what's its name/watchamacallit** ▶ THING 3  
**what's more** ▶ AND/ALSO 2  
**what's the damage** ▶ COST 2  
**what's the hurry?/what's the rush?** ▶ HURRY 6  
**what's the problem** ▶ PROBLEM 14  
**what's up** ▶ PROBLEM 14  
**what's wrong/what's the matter** ▶ PROBLEM 14  
**what's-his-name/what's-her-name** ▶ NAME 8  
**watchamacallit**  
*what's its name/watchamacallit* ▶ THING 3  
**whatever** ▶ ANYTHING/ANYBODY 1  
*or/and whatever* ▶ AND/ALSO 3

**whatever the cost** ▶ DETERMINED 4  
**whatever/whichever/whoever** ▶ NO MATTER WHAT/HOW MUCH ETC 1  
**wheel** ▶ PUSH 2  
*be behind the wheel/at the wheel* ▶ DRIVE 1  
**wheeze** ▶ BREATHE 6  
**when** ▶ WHEN 1, 2, 3, 4  
**when you have a moment/minute** ▶ TIME 19  
**whenever** ▶ ALWAYS 1; WHEN 2  
**where** ▶ PLACE 3  
**where have you been?** ▶ LATE 2  
**where on earth/where in the world** ▶ PLACE 3  
**where sb stands** ▶ OPINION 5  
**where was I?** ▶ SUBJECT 7  
**whereabouts** ▶ PLACE 1, 3  
**whereas/while** ▶ BUT 1  
**wherever you go/look** ▶ EVERYWHERE 2  
**whether you like it or not** ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 6  
**which direction** ▶ DIRECTION 2  
**which way** ▶ DIRECTION 2  
**whichever**  
*whatever/whichever/whoever* ▶ NO MATTER WHAT/HOW MUCH ETC 1  
**whiff**  
*get/catch a whiff of sth* ▶ SMELL 7  
**while** ▶ ALTHOUGH 1; DURING 2; TIME 17; WHEN 3  
*a little while back* ▶ RECENTLY 1  
*a little/short while* ▶ SHORT 9; TIME 9  
*a short/little while ago* ▶ RECENTLY 1  
*a while* ▶ LONG 6; TIME 11  
*make it worth sb's while* ▶ PAY 4  
*once in a while* ▶ SOMETIMES 1  
*whereas/while* ▶ BUT 1  
**whim** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 7  
**whimper** ▶ CRY 1  
**whine** ▶ COMPLAIN 2; SOUND 12  
**whinge** ▶ COMPLAIN 2  
**whinger** ▶ COMPLAIN 3  
**whip up** ▶ CAUSE 5  
**whip-round**  
*have a whip-round* ▶ GIVE 14  
**whip/flog** ▶ HIT 5  
**whirl** ▶ TURN 1, 3  
*give it a go/a try/a whirl* ▶ TRY 4  
**whirr** ▶ SOUND 12  
**whisk** ▶ MIX 1  
**whisk sb away** ▶ TAKE 1  
**whisk sth away** ▶ TAKE 11  
**whisper** ▶ SAY 8; SPEAK 1  
**whispering**  
*smear campaign/whispering campaign* ▶ REPUTATION 3  
**whistle** ▶ SING 2  
*blow the whistle* ▶ TELL 9  
**white**  
*go white/pale* ▶ FRIGHTENED/FRIGHTENING 3  
**white lie** ▶ LIE 4  
**white supremacist** ▶ RACE 4  
**white-collar** ▶ CLASS 6  
**whitewash** ▶ HIDE 10  
**whittle** ▶ CUT 8  
**whittle away** ▶ REDUCE 6  
**whizz** ▶ FAST 4



**who cares?/so what?/what do I care?** ▶ DON'T CARE 1  
**who knows/who can say** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 18  
**who knows?** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 12; MAYBE 1  
**whodunnit** ▶ BOOKS 2  
**whoever**  
*whatever/whichever/whoever* ▶ NO MATTER WHAT/HOW MUCH ETC 1  
**whoever/no matter who** ▶ ANYTHING/ANYBODY 2  
**whole** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 2; COMPLETE/NOT COMPLETE 1  
*be sb's whole life* ▶ IMPORTANT 5  
*on the whole/all in all/all things considered* ▶ IN GENERAL 2  
*on the whole/by and large* ▶ IN GENERAL 1  
*the whole enchilada/shebang* ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 1  
*the whole time* ▶ ALWAYS 2  
*the whole world/town/office etc* ▶ EVERYONE 1  
**whole-heartedly** ▶ COMPLETELY 1  
**wholesale** ▶ BUY 2  
**wholesaler** ▶ SELL 5  
**wholesome** ▶ GOOD 10; HEALTHY/UNHEALTHY 6  
**wholly** ▶ COMPLETELY 1  
**whoop**  
*live it up/whoop it up* ▶ ENJOY 1  
**whopper**  
*be a whopper* ▶ BIG 2  
**whopping** ▶ BIG 6  
**whore** ▶ SEX 14  
**why did/didn't I do sth** ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 2  
**why don't you/we/I etc** ▶ SUGGEST 5  
**wicked**  
*evil/wicked* ▶ BAD 5  
**wickedness** ▶ BAD 10  
**wide** ▶ WIDE 1  
*how wide* ▶ WIDE 2  
**wide of the mark**  
*be wide of the mark* ▶ GUESS 4  
**wide-ranging** ▶ VARIOUS/OF DIFFERENT KINDS 3  
**widely** ▶ LOT 9  
**widen** ▶ INCREASE 1; WIDE 3, 4  
**wider**  
*become/get wider* ▶ WIDE 3  
*make sth wider* ▶ WIDE 4  
**widespread** ▶ COMMON 2; EVERYWHERE 2; LOT 8, 9  
**widow** ▶ MARRY 13  
**widowed** ▶ MARRY 13  
*be widowed* ▶ DIE 7  
**widower** ▶ MARRY 13  
**width** ▶ WIDE 2  
**wield** ▶ HOLD 5  
**wife** ▶ MARRY 10  
*man and wife* ▶ MARRY 10  
**wiggle** ▶ SHAKE 4  
**wiggly** ▶ BEND 6  
**wild** ▶ NATURAL 1  
*in the wild* ▶ NATURAL 1  
*run wild* ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 10  
**wild goose chase** ▶ LOOK FOR 7  
**wild guess** ▶ GUESS 6  
**wildest dreams**  
*in your wildest dreams* ▶ EXPECT 8

**wildlife** ▶ ALIVE 3  
**wilful** ▶ DETERMINED 3  
**wilfully** ▶ DELIBERATELY 1  
**will** ▶ DETERMINED 5; GIVE 9  
*against your will* ▶ WILLING 4  
*break sb's spirit/resolve/will etc* ▶ DESTROY 4  
*of your own free will* ▶ WILLING 2  
**will do** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 1  
**will go** ▶ FIT/NOT FIT 3  
**will/should do** ▶ ENOUGH/NOT ENOUGH 1  
**willing** ▶ WILLING 1, 2  
*be willing to do sth* ▶ WILLING 1  
*unwilling/not willing* ▶ WILLING 3  
**willingly** ▶ WILLING 2  
**willowy** ▶ THIN 2  
**willpower** ▶ DETERMINED 5  
**wilt** ▶ WEAK 6  
**wily** ▶ INTELLIGENT 6  
**wimp** ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 6  
**wimp out**  
*chicken out/wimp out* ▶ BRAVE/NOT BRAVE 7  
**win** ▶ GET 3; WIN 1, 2, 6  
**win back** ▶ GET 11  
**win by a narrow margin** ▶ WIN 5  
**win easily** ▶ WIN 4  
**win hands down** ▶ WIN 4  
**win hearts and minds** ▶ PERSUADE 4  
**win money on** ▶ GAMBLING 1  
**win sb over** ▶ PERSUADE 4  
**win the day** ▶ WIN 2  
**win the hearts of** ▶ LIKE 9  
**wind** ▶ BEND 7; TURN 2, 9; WEATHER 12  
*can wrap/wind sb around your little finger* ▶ USE 20  
*get wind of* ▶ FIND OUT 2  
*take the wind out of sb's sails* ▶ CONFIDENT/NOT CONFIDENT 6  
**wind down** ▶ REDUCE 4  
**wind down/roll down** ▶ OPEN 1  
**wind sb up** ▶ ANGRY 8; JOKE 5  
**wind up** ▶ FINISH 4  
**windbag/gasbag** ▶ TALK 8  
**winding** ▶ BEND 7  
**window shopping** ▶ BUY 4  
**window-shopping** ▶ LOOK 6  
**windy** ▶ WEATHER 12  
**wing** ▶ PART 4  
*take sb under your wing* ▶ LOOK AFTER 5  
**wing it** ▶ READY/NOT READY 6  
**wink** ▶ SIGN 4  
*not sleep a wink* ▶ SLEEP 6  
**winner** ▶ WIN 7  
**winning** ▶ WIN 7  
*be winning* ▶ WIN 3  
**winnings** ▶ WIN 9  
**wintry** ▶ COLD 1  
**wipe** ▶ CLEAN 5; WASH 1  
**wipe out** ▶ KILL 9  
**wipe the floor with sb** ▶ BEAT/DEFEAT 2  
**wipe the tears from your eyes/wipe your tears** ▶ CRY 5  
**wipe/rub off** ▶ REMOVE 3  
**wired** ▶ DRUG 4  
**wiry** ▶ THIN 3  
**wisdom** ▶ INTELLIGENT 10

**wise** ▶ INTELLIGENT 3; SENSIBLE 2  
*get wise to* ▶ FIND OUT 2  
*smart-ass/wise guy* ▶ INTELLIGENT 7  
**wisecrack** ▶ JOKE 1, 3  
**wiser**  
*be none the wiser* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 10  
**wish** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 1, 2, 6  
**wish (that) you had/hadn't done sth** ▶ REGRET/NOT REGRET 1  
**wish sb luck** ▶ LUCKY 4  
**wishes**  
*go against sb's wishes* ▶ DISOBEY 1  
**wishful thinking** ▶ HOPE 5  
**wistful** ▶ SAD 1  
**wit** ▶ FUNNY 5; JOKE 4  
**witch** ▶ MAGIC 2  
**witchcraft** ▶ MAGIC 1  
**with** ▶ ACTOR/ACTRESS 5; HAVE/NOT HAVE 1, 2, 4; ILLNESS/DISEASE 2; INCLUDE/NOT INCLUDE 4; SOUND 3; USE 1; WAY 8; WITH/TOGETHER 1, 2, 9  
*be with* ▶ SUPPORT 1  
*be with sb* ▶ WORK FOR SB 1  
*have/be something to do with* ▶ CONNECTED WITH/RELATED 1  
**with any luck** ▶ HOPE 2  
**withdraw** ▶ LEAVE 12; SAY 5; SELL 10; TAKE 10, 13; TAKE PART/BE INVOLVED 9  
**withdrawn** ▶ SHY 2  
**withhold** ▶ REFUSE 3; TELL 14  
**within** ▶ AFTER 2; DURING 1; IN/INSIDE 4, 5; LESS 2  
*keep to/keep within* ▶ LIMIT 4  
**within earshot** ▶ HEAR 3  
**within inches of**  
*come within an inch/inches of* ▶ ALMOST 5  
**within range** ▶ NEAR 6  
**within reach** ▶ NEAR 3, 6  
**within reason** ▶ SENSIBLE 2  
**within sight**  
*in sight/within sight* ▶ SEE 5  
**within the law** ▶ LEGAL 1  
**within walking/driving etc distance** ▶ NEAR 3  
**within your rights**  
*be within your rights* ▶ RIGHT 12  
**without** ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 5, 9; IF 4  
*be without* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 7  
*can do without sb/sth* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 8  
*can't do/manage without* ▶ NEED/NECESSARY 2; USEFUL 2  
*do/go/manage without* ▶ HAVE/NOT HAVE 7, 8  
**without a break** ▶ CONTINUE 5  
**without a care in the world/not have a care in the world** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 9  
**without a hitch** ▶ SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 4  
**without a scratch** ▶ HURT/INJURE 7  
**without a sound** ▶ QUIET 4  
**without delay** ▶ IMMEDIATELY 1  
**without doubt**  
*undoubtedly/unquestionably/without doubt/without a doubt* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 1  
**without exception** ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 1  
**without fail** ▶ ALWAYS 1  
**without good reason** ▶ WRONG 5



**without thinking** ▶ THINK 6

**without trace**

*disappear/vanish without trace*

▶ DISAPPEAR 1

**without warning** ▶ SUDDENLY 1

**witness** ▶ COURT/TRIAL 3; SEE 1

**wits**

*be at your wits' end* ▶ WORRIED/  
WORRYING 3

*keep/have your wits about you*

▶ CAREFUL 2

*scared stiff/scared out of your wits/*

*scared to death* ▶ FRIGHTENED/  
FRIGHTENING 1

**witter on/rabbit on** ▶ TALK 8

**witty** ▶ FUNNY 1

**wives**

*old wives' tale* ▶ BELIEVE 9

**wizard**

*magician/wizard* ▶ MAGIC 2

**wizened** ▶ OLD 1

**wobble** ▶ BALANCE 4; SHAKE 1

**wobbly** ▶ LOOSE 6

**wolf down** ▶ EAT 4

**woman** ▶ WOMAN 1, 2

**womanly** ▶ WOMAN 4

**women's** ▶ WOMAN 4

**won't**

*will not/won't* ▶ REFUSE 1

**won't be long** ▶ SOON 1

**won't budge/can't budge sth**

▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 10

**won't do** ▶ GOOD ENOUGH 4

**won't/wouldn't hear of** ▶ INSIST 1

**won't/wouldn't take no for an**

**answer** ▶ INSIST 1

**wonder** ▶ SURE/NOT SURE 3

*it makes you wonder* ▶ SURE/NOT  
SURE 5

*no wonder* ▶ SURPRISED/  
SURPRISING 7

**wonderful**

*have a good/great/wonderful etc time*

▶ ENJOY 1

*marvellous/wonderful/fantastic/  
terrific* ▶ GOOD 1

**wonders**

*work wonders* ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT  
EFFECTIVE 1

**wood**

*touch wood* ▶ LUCKY 6

**woods**

*babe in the woods* ▶ EXPERIENCED/  
NOT EXPERIENCED 6

**wool**

*pull the wool over sb's eyes* ▶ TRICK/  
DECEIVE 1

*wrap sb in cotton wool* ▶ PROTECT 5

**word** ▶ WORD/PHRASE/SENTENCE 1

*a word of advice ...* ▶ ADVISE 2

*be as good as your word* ▶ PROMISE 4

*four-letter word* ▶ RUDE 6

*from the word go* ▶ BEGINNING 5

*give sb your word* ▶ PROMISE 1

*have a word with* ▶ TALK 2

*I give you my word/you have my word*

▶ PROMISE 3

*keep your promise/word*

▶ PROMISE 4

*not breathe a word/not tell a soul*

▶ TELL 13

*put in a good word for* ▶ PRAISE 1

*swear word* ▶ RUDE 6

*take sb's word for it* ▶ BELIEVE 1

**word for word** ▶ EXACT/NOT

EXACT 2; SAME 2

**word of mouth**

*by word of mouth* ▶ SPEAK 6

**word perfect** ▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 6

**worded**

*be worded* ▶ SAY 2

**words** ▶ WRITE 13

*a man/woman of few words*

▶ TALK 13

*be at a loss/be lost for words*

▶ EXPRESS 3; SAY 10; SPEAK 8

*eat your words* ▶ ADMIT 7

*in other words* ▶ EXPLAIN 2;  
MEANING 8

*not mince (your) words* ▶ HONEST 4

*put words into sb's mouth* ▶ CHANGE/  
NOT CHANGE 10

**words fail me** ▶ SAY 10

**work** ▶ ART/CULTURE 2; CONTROL/

NOT CONTROL 12; EFFECTIVE/NOT

EFFECTIVE 1, 2; FIGHT 7; JOB 1;

MUSIC 2; SUCCEED/SUCCESSFUL 3;

WORK 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8; WORKING 1

*be at work* ▶ WORK 9

*be in work* ▶ JOB 4

*be out of work* ▶ JOB 5

*finish work* ▶ STOP 7

*have your work cut out for you*

▶ DIFFICULT 10

*is not working/doesn't work*

▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 3

*line of work/business* ▶ JOB 1

*never fails/can't fail/works every time*

▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT EFFECTIVE 3

*not work* ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT

EFFECTIVE 4; FAIL 2

*piece of work* ▶ WORK 10

*stop work* ▶ STOP 7

**work at** ▶ PRACTISE/PRACTICE 1;

WORK HARD 1

**work for** ▶ WORK FOR SB 1

**work hard** ▶ WORK HARD 1

**work in/into** ▶ INCLUDE/NOT

INCLUDE 5

**work of art** ▶ ART/CULTURE 2;

GOOD 5

**work on** ▶ PRACTISE/PRACTICE 1

**work out** ▶ COUNT/CALCULATE 2;

EXERCISE 1; PLAN 5; SOLVE 3

**work out/figure out** ▶ ANSWER 10;

SOLVE 5; UNDERSTAND/NOT

UNDERSTAND 6

**work out/pan out** ▶ HAPPEN 4

**work sb hard** ▶ WORK HARD 6

**work together** ▶ WITH/TOGETHER 4

**work up an appetite** ▶ HUNGRY/

NOT HUNGRY 4

**work up to** ▶ PREPARE 3

**work wonders** ▶ EFFECTIVE/NOT

EFFECTIVE 1

**work your butt/ass off** ▶ WORK

HARD 2

**work your fingers to the bone**

▶ WORK HARD 2

**work your way up** ▶ SUCCEED/

SUCCESSFUL 6

**work-to-rule** ▶ STRIKE 2

**work/drive yourself into the**

**ground** ▶ WORK HARD 3

**work/race against the clock**

▶ HURRY 5

**workable** ▶ POSSIBLE 1

**workaholic** ▶ WORK HARD 4

**worked**

*get worked up* ▶ UPSET 3

**worker** ▶ WORK FOR SB 3

**workforce** ▶ WORK FOR SB 4

**working**

*be working* ▶ SWITCH ON OR OFF 3

*is not working/doesn't work*

▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 3

**working group** ▶ GROUP 4

**working knowledge**

*have a working knowledge of*

▶ KNOW/NOT KNOW 7

**working order**

*be in working order* ▶ WORKING 1

**working-class** ▶ CLASS 7

**workmate** ▶ WORK FOR SB 5

**workout** ▶ EXERCISE 3

**works**

*the works* ▶ ALL/EVERYTHING 1

*throw a spanner in the works*

▶ SPOIL 2

**workstation** ▶ COMPUTERS/

INTERNET/EMAIL 1

**world** ▶ AREA 9; WORLD 2

*all over the world* ▶ EVERYWHERE 1

*be (sitting) on top of the world*

▶ HAPPY 3

*be a man/woman of the world*

▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT

EXPERIENCED 5

*be dead to the world* ▶ SLEEP 5

*be out of this world* ▶ GOOD 1

*be/mean (all) the world to*

▶ IMPORTANT 5

*in an ideal world/in a perfect world*

▶ PERFECT 4

*in the real world* ▶ ACTUALLY 2

*move/go up in the world* ▶ CLASS 8

*see the world* ▶ TRAVEL 8

*the outside world* ▶ OUT/OUTSIDE 2

*the whole world/town/office etc*

▶ EVERYONE 1

*the world* ▶ WORLD 1

*the world over* ▶ EVERYWHERE 1

*there's a world of difference between*

▶ DIFFERENT 2

*think the world of* ▶ LOVE 3

*where on earth/where in the world*

▶ PLACE 3

*without a care in the world/not have a*

*care in the world* ▶ WORRIED/  
WORRYING 9

**world power** ▶ POWER/

POWERFUL 3

**world view** ▶ THINK 9

**world's best/greatest**

*not be the world's best/greatest*

▶ NOT 2

**worldly** ▶ EXPERIENCED/NOT

EXPERIENCED 5

**worldly goods** ▶ OWN 4

**worlds apart/poles apart**

▶ DIFFERENT 2

**worldwide** ▶ EVERYWHERE 1;

WORLD 2

**worm sth out of** ▶ FIND OUT 5

**worm your way out of**

*wriggle out of/worm (your way) out of*

▶ AVOID 2

**worms**

*can of worms* ▶ PROBLEM 5

**worn** ▶ CONDITION 5

**worn out**

*tired out/worn out* ▶ TIRED/TIRING 1



**worried** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 1  
*not worried/concerned* ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 9

**worried sick**  
*be worried sick* ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 3

**worrier** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 8

**worry** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 2, 3, 6, 7  
*don't worry* ▶ COMFORT/MAKE SB FEEL BETTER 1; WORRIED/WORRYING 11  
*nothing to worry about* ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 11

**worrying** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 5

**worrywart** ▶ WORRIED/WORRYING 8

**worse** ▶ WORSE 1  
*get worse* ▶ WORSE 2, 5  
*go from bad to worse* ▶ WORSE 2  
*make things worse/make it worse* ▶ WORSE 3  
*to make matters/things worse* ▶ WORSE 3

**worsen** ▶ WORSE 2

**worship** ▶ ADMIRE 2; LOVE 3; PRAY 1, 2

**worst** ▶ WORSE 4  
*be your own worst enemy* ▶ HARM 2  
*fear the worst* ▶ EXPECT 6

**worth**  
*100 pounds' worth / ten dollars' worth etc* ▶ AMOUNT 1  
*be worth* ▶ VALUE 1  
*be worth a fortune* ▶ RICH 2; VALUE 2  
*be worth a lot* ▶ VALUE 2  
*it's worth* ▶ SHOULD/UGHT TO 2  
*not be worth anything* ▶ VALUE 7

**worth it**  
*be worth it* ▶ USEFUL 1  
*it's not worth it* ▶ USELESS 4

**worth sb's while**  
*make it worth sb's while* ▶ PAY 4

**worthless** ▶ VALUE 7

**would** ▶ TYPICAL 2

**would do anything/would give anything/would give your right arm** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 2

**would like** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 1

**would love** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 2

**would prefer to do sth** ▶ PREFER 2

**would rather do sth** ▶ PREFER 2

**would sooner do sth** ▶ PREFER 2

**would you like ...?** ▶ OFFER 1

**would you mind repeating that?** ▶ REPEAT 6

**would-be** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 5

**would/do you mind?** ▶ ASK 10

**wouldn't mind** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 1

**wound** ▶ HURT/INJURE 3, 5

**wounded** ▶ HURT/INJURE 6  
*be wounded* ▶ HURT/INJURE 1

**wounds**  
*open/reopen old wounds* ▶ REMIND/MAKE SB REMEMBER 4

**wrap**  
*can wrap/wind sb around your little finger* ▶ CONTROL/NOT CONTROL 5; USE 20

**wrap sb in cotton wool** ▶ PROTECT 5

**wrap up** ▶ AGREE 4; CLOTHES 7

**wrap up/wrap** ▶ COVER 1

**wrapped up in**  
*be wrapped up in* ▶ ATTENTION 3; THINK 2

**wrapper** ▶ COVER 4

**wrapping** ▶ COVER 4

**wraps**  
*keep sth under wraps* ▶ SECRET 4

**wreak havoc/play havoc** ▶ HARM 1

**wreck** ▶ ACCIDENT 2; DESTROY 1, 3, 4, 7  
*be a nervous wreck* ▶ NERVOUS 2

**wreckage** ▶ DESTROY 7

**wrench**  
*twist/wrench* ▶ HURT/INJURE 2

**wrestle** ▶ FIGHT 1

**wrestling** ▶ FIGHT 6

**wretched** ▶ SYMPATHIZE 7

**wriggle** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 4

**wriggle out of/worm (your way) out of** ▶ AVOID 2

**wring out** ▶ PRESS 3

**wrinkle** ▶ LINE 4, 5

**wrinkled** ▶ LINE 4, 5; OLD 1

**wrist**  
*a slap on the wrist* ▶ PUNISH 8

**write** ▶ MUSIC 5; WRITE 1, 3, 4, 5, 12

**write about** ▶ DESCRIBE 1

**write back** ▶ ANSWER 2

**write down** ▶ INFORMATION 3

**write off** ▶ DESTROY 3; OWE 9; WRITE 4

**write out** ▶ WRITE 9, 11

**write up** ▶ WRITE 11

**write-off** ▶ DESTROY 7

**write-up** ▶ JUDGE 5

**writer** ▶ BOOKS 6; WRITE 6

**writhe** ▶ MOVE/NOT MOVE 4

**writing** ▶ WRITE 13  
*in writing* ▶ WRITE 14  
*put sth in writing* ▶ WRITE 1

**writing/handwriting** ▶ WRITE 1

**written** ▶ WRITE 14  
*badly written* ▶ READ 14  
*be written all over sb's face* ▶ OBVIOUS 2

**wrong** ▶ BAD 13; UNSUITABLE 1, 2; WRONG 1, 2, 4, 5  
*be wrong* ▶ WRONG 3  
*be wrong for/be not be right for* ▶ UNSUITABLE 4  
*can do no wrong* ▶ PERFECT 8  
*can't go wrong* ▶ CERTAINLY/DEFINITELY 4  
*don't get me wrong* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 9  
*get sth wrong* ▶ MISTAKE 5  
*go wrong* ▶ FAIL 2, 7; MISTAKE 5  
*guess wrong* ▶ GUESS 4  
*right and wrong* ▶ GOOD 12  
*something goes wrong* ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 4  
*think sth is wrong* ▶ DISAPPROVE 1  
*what's wrong/what's the matter* ▶ PROBLEM 14

**wrong end of the stick**  
*get the wrong end of the stick* ▶ UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 9

**wrong foot**  
*get/start off on the wrong foot* ▶ START 9

**wrong order**  
*in the wrong order/out of order* ▶ ORDER 3

**wrong place**  
*be in the wrong place at the wrong time* ▶ UNLUCKY 1

**wrong side**  
*get up on the wrong side of the bed* ▶ ANGRY 3

**wrong time**  
*come at a bad time/come at the wrong time/not come at a good time* ▶ TIME 15  
*the wrong time* ▶ TIME 15

**wrong track**  
*be on the wrong track/tack* ▶ WRONG 3

**wrong way**  
*take sth the wrong way* ▶ OFFEND 2; UNDERSTAND/NOT UNDERSTAND 9

**wrong way around**  
*the wrong way around* ▶ ORDER 3; WRONG 4

**wrong with**  
*be sth wrong with/be sth the matter with* ▶ FAULT 1  
*there's something wrong with* ▶ BROKEN/NOT BROKEN 3; ILLNESS/DISEASE 2

**wrongdoing** ▶ BAD 10

**wrongheaded** ▶ WRONG 2

**wrt** ▶ ABOUT 1

## X

**xenophobia** ▶ PREJUDICED 2

**xenophobic** ▶ PREJUDICED 1

## Y

**yank** ▶ PULL 2

**yardstick** ▶ JUDGE 7

**yeah** ▶ YES 1  
*yeah, right* ▶ BELIEVE 4

**year** ▶ CLASS 1  
*the school year/the academic year* ▶ SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY 6

**yearn** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 4

**yearning**  
*longing/yearning* ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 6

**years**  
*be 5/10/35 etc years of age* ▶ AGE 2  
*be 5/10/35 etc years old* ▶ AGE 2, 4  
*be years old* ▶ OLD 8  
*donkey's years* ▶ LONG 6; TIME 10  
*hours/months/years etc* ▶ LONG 6; TIME 10  
*take ages/years/forever etc* ▶ LONG 8

**yell** ▶ SHOUT 1, 2

**yell at** ▶ TELL SB OFF 2

**yelp** ▶ SCREAM 1, 2

**yes** ▶ YES 1, 2, 3  
*say yes* ▶ ACCEPT 1

**yes-man** ▶ OBEY 4

**yesterday**  
*remember sth as if it were yesterday* ▶ REMEMBER 4

**yesterday morning/afternoon/evening etc** ▶ BEFORE 6

**yet** ▶ BUT 1; NOW 3  
*not over yet* ▶ FINISH 11

**yet again** ▶ AGAIN 1

**yet to come**  
*be still/yet/more etc to come* ▶ FUTURE 1



**yield** ▶ AMOUNT 4; PROFIT 2

**yob** ▶ RUDE 4

**you are welcome to sth/you can keep sth** ▶ WANT/NOT WANT 9

**you never know** ▶ MAYBE 1

**you're welcome** ▶ THANK 5

**young** ▶ BABY 2; NEW 9; YOUNG 1

*die young* ▶ DIE 3

*look young for your age* ▶ YOUNG 8

*not be as young as you were* ▶ OLD 1

*the young* ▶ YOUNG 5

**younger** ▶ YOUNG 2

**younger sister/brother** ▶ YOUNG 3

**Yours faithfully** ▶ LETTER 3

**Yours sincerely** ▶ LETTER 3

**Yours truly,/Sincerely,/Yours sincerely,** ▶ LETTER 3

**yourself**

*be/feel yourself again* ▶ RECOVER 5

*on your own/by yourself*

▶ ALONE 1, 2; HELP 9;

INDEPENDENT 4

**yourself/myself etc** ▶ PERSONALLY/YOURSELF 1

**youth** ▶ YOUNG 4, 6, 7

*have youth/experience etc on your side*

▶ ADVANTAGE 5

*the youth* ▶ YOUNG 5

**youth hostel**

*hostel/youth hostel* ▶ HOLIDAY/VACATION 6

**youthful** ▶ YOUNG 8

## Z

**zealot** ▶ EXTREME 2

**zealous** ▶ ENTHUSIASTIC/UNENTHUSIASTIC 1

**zero** ▶ NONE/NOTHING 2

**zigzag** ▶ BEND 7

**zilch** ▶ NONE/NOTHING 1

**zip up** ▶ FASTEN/UNFASTEN 1

**zone** ▶ AREA 1, 2

*war zone* ▶ WAR 5

**zoom** ▶ FAST 4



## ► Grammatical information

[C]	countable: a noun that can be counted and has a plural form: <i>I'm sorry, I made a <b>mistake</b>.</i>   <i>There are a lot of <b>mistakes</b> in your essay.</i>
[U]	uncountable: a noun that cannot be counted and that has no plural form: <i>There isn't much <b>food</b> left.</i>   <i>The book contained some interesting <b>information</b> about the town.</i>
[C/U]	a noun that can be either countable or uncountable: <i>Tell me all your <b>troubles</b>.</i>   <i>They've had a lot of <b>trouble</b> at the factory.</i>
[I]	intransitive: a verb that has no direct object: <i>He <b>died</b> in his sleep.</i>   <i>We <b>set off</b> at 7 o'clock.</i>
[T]	transitive: a verb that is followed by a direct object, which can be a noun, a noun phrase, or a clause: <i>She <b>hit</b> him with her umbrella.</i>   <i>He <b>made up</b> a good excuse.</i>   <i>I <b>suggest</b> that we go by bus.</i>   <i>You can always <b>rely on</b> me.</i>
[I/T]	a verb that can be either intransitive or transitive: <i>I sometimes <b>read</b> when I'm on the train.</i>   <i>She was <b>reading</b> a magazine.</i>
[determiner]	a word that comes before a noun and shows whether or not the noun refers to a specific thing, person etc: <i><b>The</b> dog is in the garden.</i>   <i><b>Every</b> student must bring a book.</i>
[quantifier]	a word or phrase which answers the question 'how much?' or 'how many?' A quantifier may be followed by a noun as in <b>several</b> people, <b>plenty of</b> money, or it may be a pronoun: <i>If you need some envelopes, I can give you <b>a few</b>.</i>
[predeterminer]	a word used at the beginning of a noun phrase in front of the determiner: <i>It was <b>quite</b> a good film.</i> [not in passive] shows that a verb is not used in the passive: <i>This bird <b>resembles</b> an eagle.</i> (NOT <i>An eagle <b>is resembled</b> by this bird.</i> )
[not in progressive]	shows that the verb is not used in the progressive aspect, (that is not following the verb <b>be</b> in an <b>-ing</b> form): <i>He <b>hates</b> rock music.</i> (NOT <i>He <b>is hating</b> rock music.</i> )
[only before noun]	an adjective that is used only before the noun that it describes: <i>the <b>main</b> road</i>   <i>an <b>indoor</b> swimming pool</i>
[not before noun]	an adjective that is used only following the noun it describes, usually after a verb such as <b>be</b> , <b>become</b> , <b>seem</b> etc: <i>The children are <b>ill</b>.</i>   <i>He <b>seemed glad</b> to see me.</i>

adj	adjective
adv	adverb
n	noun
phr v	phrasal verb
prep	preposition
pron	pronoun
v	verb
sb	somebody
sth	something



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